

CHAPTER NEWS TID-BITS

OMAHA CHAPTER, AGO

May 16, 2016

- HYMN FESTIVAL fund raising netted \$2,355.00 for the chapter treasury. Thanks and appreciation to festival committee Jean Johnson, chairman; and committee members Julie Sandene, Mark Kurtz, David Schack, Jerry Brabec, Laura Palmer, and Barbara Fremder for organizing and implementing this highly successful event.
- Response from END-OF-SEASON banquet and program hosted by member Jerry Brabec on May 9 at St. Paul United Methodist Church has been unusually positive: many encouraging supportive comments regarding presence of pre-teen and teen-age organ students and the program presented by musicians from Omaha Youth Symphony. OYS executive leadership eagerly supports collaboration with Omaha AGO, suggesting co-authoring grant proposals to fund organ participation of teen-age organists into OYS programming. This suggestion needs AGO board approval.
- The ORGAN RECITAL sponsored by Omaha AGO presented by “Rising Star” David von Behren (senior organ student of Todd Wilson) scheduled Wednesday, June 15, 7:30 P.M. at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 90th and Blondo, has been awarded a performance scholarship of \$1,000.00 provided by a memorial fund for advanced organ students with a Nebraska address. The scholarship will fund the total cost of Mr. von Behren’s recital on behalf of Omaha AGO.
- Omaha AGO member REV. TIMOTHY FRANK, (played a concertato on the 2015 hymn festival) has accepted a Divine Call to become the Associate Pastor of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs. Pastor Frank, who holds a master’s degree in sacred music with an emphasis in organ and choral conducting, will be installed this summer. Pastor Frank will share service and music planning responsibilities with Dr. Christensen, direct the choral choirs, be the administrator of St. Paul’s Music Conservatory, and will share the congregation’s pastoral need responsibilities with now Senior Pastor, Rev. Nathan Sherrill.
- Omaha AGO member DAVID McCAIN has graciously agreed to assume updating the historic files initially developed by Dr. Ted Holyoke, a daunting and important task. When David seeks assistance regarding the update of these historic files, please consider helping him in any way possible.
- Congratulations to Omaha AGO member SALLY HODGES, who recently was notified a newly composed organ chorale prelude will be published by Wayne Leopold Publishers later this year.
- There are indications the Omaha Chapter will possibly gain six new members as a result of January Jubilee registration.
- A reminder: renewal of annual membership is at hand for many members.