



May 2017

Bravo!

Dedicated to Music Appreciation, Education, Performance—Today & Tomorrow

Rochester Music Guild (RMG)'s 53rd Annual Meeting was held May 5, 2017. A summary of reports given, following presentation and approval of the minutes from the May 6, 2016 meeting, follow here.

President's Report: a reflection

As we enter into our 54th year, I want to express my sincere appreciation for all the work that our past and present Board members, volunteers, and members have done to create and sustain such a vital and vibrant organization in our community. Music has enriched the lives of many in our community and beyond, and RMG is proud to continue our Mission: *Dedicated to Music Appreciation, Education, and Performance – Today and Tomorrow.*

We had another exciting year of wonderful and varied Lunch & Learn events as well as continuing our Workshop series. These events were well attended and enjoyed by all. In addition to our annual support of the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale, RMG was able to provide financial support to nine area musical organizations in the form of Grant awards. These awards were made based on an assessment of educational, youth, and overall community impact.

We are very proud of the centerpiece of our Guild's work - our Scholarship Competition. This event combines the elements of music appreciation, education, and performance, and affirms a strong commitment to the future. The participants at both the middle school and senior high levels were once again the best of the best. It is exciting to know that music touches and enriches the lives of so many talented young people!

RMG continues to maintain strong financial health from our membership, excellent Spring and Fall fund raising, donations, and careful management of our resources. We are also grateful to have received grants from IBM and the SE Minnesota Arts Council (SEMAC). Thank you for entrusting me with the leadership of this fine organization. I could not have done it without the extraordinary dedication, hard work, time, and talent each board member contributes to RMG.

On behalf of the Board, I thank each member for your continued support of the Rochester Music Guild and our part in supporting the Rochester area arts community. Be well and create a joyful noise!

Linda Edd - Rochester Music Guild President

Membership Update

As of April 26, 2017, RMG received 152 membership donations for the 2016-2017 season, representing 203 members. Membership demonstrates support for music education and performance. In return members receive benefits including free admission to Lyra Baroque concerts, discounts for Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale and Southeastern Minnesota Youth Orchestras tickets, discount on accessories at Welhaven Music, and updates on programs offered by the RMG and other area music organizations.

Board Positions – Slate of Officers for 2017-18

President	Linda Edd ¹⁴
President-Elect	Andy Good ¹⁶
Secretary	Susanna Stone ¹⁶
Treasurer	Guy Vig ¹⁴
Past President	Alan Hansen ¹⁴
Arts Advocate	Beth Marie Nienow ¹⁷
Grants	Beth Marie Nienow ¹⁷
Communications	April Horne ¹⁴
Education Co-Chairs	Scott Kruse ¹⁶ Andrea Sivertson ¹⁷
Garden of Note Co-Chairs	Judy Kereakos ¹⁷ Ginny Amundson ¹⁰
Herberger's Sale Sales Asst. Database Asst	Brock Besse ¹⁶ Ella VanLaningham ^{Auxiliary/13} Joyce Lewis ^{Auxiliary/13}
Membership Chair	Alan Hansen
Scholarship Co-Chairs	Tessa Sawchuk ¹⁶ Laura Matern ¹⁶
Webmaster	DeAnn Spencer ^{Auxiliary/13}

Outgoing members are Corey Henke, Katie Livingood, Marie Maher, and Margo Stich. They were thanked for their service on the board and commitment to Rochester Music Guild. Thank you to committee members Alan Hansen, Corey Henke, Andy Good, and Linda Edd who helped recruit excellent new members to the Board.

Fundraising - Garden of Note

We are so grateful to Sargent's Nursery for their ongoing support of the Rochester Music Guild's Garden of Note event. 20% of the face value of \$25 vouchers is returned back to the Guild to support local music. Most of our loyal customers are once again purchasing vouchers, as well as a fair number of new customers. If you have not had an opportunity to purchase vouchers, visit garden@rochestermusicguild.org. The sale will wrap up at the end of May.

Fundraising - Herberger's Community Days Event

The Herberger's fundraiser, held this past Fall, was very successful. Through the sale of Community Days coupons books we saw a net profit of \$2144.46. In addition, based on our percentage of all the coupon books sold for this event, we received a bonus check for \$694.10. This would not have been possible without the core group of members who volunteered to sell vouchers and/or take a shift at Herberger's on sale days.

Scholarship Committee

The 53rd Annual Young Musicians Scholarship Competition was held on March 25-26, 2017. We are grateful to Christ United Methodist Church for the use of their facilities. Fifty-nine talented young musicians competed in four categories – Piano, Strings, Voice, and Winds/Brass. The Winners' Recital was held on Friday, May 5, 2017, and included outstanding performances by the 23 scholarship winners.

Students were awarded a total of \$8,750 in scholarship money. A music camp scholarship audition was held during the finals round, where one student was awarded a \$1500 scholarship to be used for a summer music camp. A \$150 scholarship (funded by the Rochester Music Guild and Carol and Sidney Suddendorf Scholarship) will be presented to a senior from each of the three public high schools at their spring awards assemblies. This brings the 2017 total to \$10,700 in scholarship monies conferred. We are fortunate to have generous RMG members who help with their financial donations, as well as their volunteer hours. We are also grateful to the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council (SEMAC), which once again helped support this event through funding from the state legislature and the voters of Minnesota.

Education Committee

During the 2016-17 season the Rochester Music Guild continued offering educational programs including six Lunch & Learn programs (one of these following the annual meeting) and two workshops aimed at youth musicians. Planning is still underway for the upcoming season, so watch for news this Fall regarding educational opportunities in the upcoming year.

Grants Committee

Grants were awarded to nine organizations. The amount given was either \$400 or \$500, determined by a ranking system used by the committee. Points were awarded for a) educational value, b) the number of musicians participating, and c) the size of the potential audience. Awards were given to: **American Guild of Organists, Bella Voce Young Women's Choir, Choral Arts Ensemble, Dover Eyota Music Association, Honors Choirs of SE Minnesota, Rochester Chamber Music Society, Rochester Community Band, SE Minnesota Youth Orchestras, and Zumbro Valley Chapter of Sweet Adelines.**

Website – RMG's website, generously **sponsored by MLT Group**, continues to provide a great resource for Guild members and the community as a whole - ***rochestermusicguild.org***

