

Grey Bruce Centre
Annual Report of the President
9 June 2019

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Dear Members and Friends:

This is my last President's report.

As I wrote before the Annual Meeting last year, *We're an active, creative bunch, and in this my last year as President—that's what the ByLaws say, and I'm sticking to it, because we all need to take our turn at leadership—I intend to help us build on who we are and what we do well.*

In the jostling and competitive world that is our present reality, every organized group now must have an attractive profile, a clarity of definition; and this year, as the national RCCO begins in earnest to rebrand itself as a secular arts organization, here in Grey Bruce we seem to have taken longer strides than ever toward defining ourselves.

We have discovered that GBRCCO is not a Centre that is narrowly "organistic." While the organ and its music is what at first draws us together, it is its *use* in worship that is our "passion."

We are boldly defining ourselves not as recitalists or "organ geeks;" rather, we are presenting ourselves as a group of organists who work in local Grey Bruce congregations—all Christian, at this point--as Ministers of Music. This is reflected in what we do well—church music.

Perhaps in time our profile will change. But for now, people who play the organ in Grey and Bruce are by and large people who work in churches. We have come to recognize that if our local Centre is to grow and remain healthy, it needs to appeal to our fellow church musicians, whether or not they are actually "passionate" (see the national RCCO website) about the organ as a musical instrument in its own right.

"Encourage," "Educate," "Enjoy"—we're getting better and better at all three. Our meetings don't bristle with competition; instead, we genuinely enjoy and support one another. Through our website, our meetings, *GROW*, beginner scholarships, vigorous participation in the Walkerton music festival, and now Master Classes for our students, increasingly we take the word "College" in our title seriously.

Now that I'm moving to the offices of Immediate Past President of GBRCCO and national Director of Region 5, I'm not only going to connect us with London, Windsor, Chatham and Stratford, but especially locally connect us with the people who have authority over church musicians—clergy, worship committees and church councils. Or, at least, I'll make a start on connecting us all!

Finally, as outgoing President of GBRCCO, I want to thank all of you, and especially our Council, for being unafraid to try new things. We're indeed a "creative" bunch, who always seem to strike the right balance between tradition and innovation. And I love that!

Affectionately, with blessings to you all—

GREY-BRUCE CENTRE

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Sunday, 9 June 2019, Dickson Residence, Durham

Agenda

- 4.00pm Social hour (tour of Marilyn's bee hives, instruments to try out)
- 5.00 Catered Supper (about \$17 a person; pay what you can)
- 6.00 Adoption of Business Meeting Agenda
- 6.05 Minutes of April/19, June/18 AGM (available online; extra hard copies at meeting)
- 6.10 Election
- President: Marilyn Dickson
 - Vice-President: Julian Delf
 - TBD: Treasurer; Membership Co-ordinator; Member-at-Large
- 6.20 Correspondence
- 6.21 Greetings *in absentia* from RCCO Region 5 Director David Palmer;
Annual Reports: President, Vice-President; Treasurer; Secretary; Membership; Immediate Past President; business arising
- 6.30 Motions from Executive Committee:
- **That the following are our stated meetings through June, 2020:**
September 15, Owen Sound, St Mary's; November 17, Walkerton, St Thomas's;
January 19, Hanover, First St Mathew's; March 22 (29), Lion's Head, Christ;
June 29, Grace House, Holland Centre (AGM)
 - **That should weather be inclement, we meet by video/voice through Fr Ed's ZOHO account**
 - **That the 2020 *Harmonies* devotion be held at Christ Church, Lion's Head on Good Friday, April 10, 2020**
 - **That GBRCCO hold a Hymn Festival at Central Westside United in Owen Sound on Sunday afternoon, October 27, 2019, as a GBRCCO fundraiser**
 - **That NN constitute a Hymn Festival steering committee**
 - **That GBRCCO and the ELCIC Lutheran Area Ministry cooperatively offer an Ascension Day Festival Eucharist the evening of Thursday, May 21, 2020**
 - **That GBRCCO bring Master teachers to Grey Bruce on a regular basis, funding to be shared by students and GBRCCO**
 - **That GBRCCO secretary Satomi Currah write a note of thanks to travelling clinician Sarah Svendsen on her outstanding Master Class in Walkerton in April 2019, and her equally outstanding Presentation/Recital for school children in Chesley in May 2019**
 - **That the June 2019 Annual Meeting move a vote of profound thanks and**

**respect to Hilery McAlpine, retiring after 14 years our Treasurer; and
Richard Smith, retiring after 9 years our President and Immediate Past
President**

7.30 Installation of 2019-2021 Executive

7.45 Adjourn

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RCCO - Grey Bruce Centre Meeting - **Draft**

Sunday, April 7th, 2019

Kincardine United Church, Kincardine, ON

Present: President, Father Ed Wagner; Vice-President, Marilyn Dickson; Treasurer, Hilery McAlpine; Secretary, Satomi Currah; Immediate Past President, Richard Smith; Webmaster, Julian Delf; Azrael Hackshaw, David Hamilton, Ian McAlpine, Laura McAlpine, John Tife, Marjorie Tife,

Fr Ed led grace at 5:30 pm., and this was followed by a pot-luck supper. We had the pleasure of dining with Ms. Liz Dillman (Treasurer), who managed the kitchen for us, Rev. Gord Dunbar (Minister) and Rev. Kerry Stover (Intern), all of Kincardine United Church. Before our supper and business meeting, members who had agreed to contribute to 2019 *Harmonies in the Midst of Madness and Miracle* (Good Friday, April 19) had a chance to practice on the 1984 Dubai organ.

No educational component was scheduled, and the time after the meal was devoted entirely to business. This allowed for some catch-up given that January's meeting had been cancelled, and because the meeting following this one (April 7th) will be the AGM (June 9th) and will include election of a new president.

At 6:15 pm., Fr Ed called the meeting to order, noting we hadn't met since November 2018, after having failed twice to meet this year due to bad weather. Marj moved adoption of the agenda, seconded by Julian. Carried. Fr Ed mentioned the possibility of using apps, such as "GoToMeeting", which would enable us to have future meetings without physically attending.

Acceptance of the draft minutes of November 2018 centre meeting was moved by Richard, with the correction of Sarah Svendsen's last name ("Svendsen" rather than "Svenson") pointed out by Satomi. Seconded by Ian.

Fr Ed stated that, according to our bylaws (March 2017), the election of officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Coordinator, Immediate Past President, Chaplain) and Member at Large is required when terms are over. This June, Fr Ed's term as a president will be over, so we will need to elect a new president (the president can be re-elected after a two-year hiatus). Also Marilyn's term as Vice-President, Hilery's as Treasurer, and Dwayne's as Membership Coordinator will end, although they are re-electable. The term of Member at Large, currently Gertrude, will also be over (re-electable after one-year's hiatus). Exception is Secretary; Satomi, who has served for the first year of the two-year term (after Julian), will remain for one more year (re-electable).

We unanimously agreed to hold elections at the coming AGM. Marilyn reminded us that two years ago we nominated candidates for each position by emailing the names of the candidates individually prior to the gathering where final selection was to be made. The names—every current full member of GBRCCO is the pool—were gathered, and where a name was mentioned by more than two persons, that name became eligible to be a candidate and was disclosed at the gathering^[1].

John suggested that, faced with the heavy workload for the officers and the small size of our group, we should think of reorganizing the offices. Reorganization of offices would involve changes to the bylaws (i.e., a case of special resolution), which would require presence of 60% of voting members and a 75% majority vote. Fr Ed suggested restructuring offices should be a task for the next council.

Marilyn offered regrets for being unable to host AGM originally scheduled for Sunday June 23 at her residence^[2]. Laura, Hilery, and Ian offered to host AGM on Sunday June 9th instead. Marilyn so moved, and Azrael seconded. Carried with all in favour. Richard moved that the meal be catered. David seconded. Family McAlpine was asked to decide on the location (either St. Thomas's Anglican Church in Walkerton or the McAlpine residence in Riversdale) and caterer.

From June 30, 2019, Fr Ed will serve as regional director (Region 5), replacing David Palmer who has for years tirelessly represented GBRCCO as the Western Ontario (Region 5) regional director. His letter, dated March 27th, 2019, informing us that he had submitted a letter of resignation to President, Vice-President, and Executive Director of RCCO, had been circulated among us on April 2nd.

There is a sentiment that local centres receive directives (e.g., the board's motion on prayer at centre meetings in the letter by the President of RCCO, October 2nd, 2018) from the national office but are not invited to provide input. In attempts to deal with this, Fr. Ed said he is learning how communications within RCCO work and is planning to encourage a more bottom-up flow of information by visiting the other centres in Region 5, i.e., Chatham, London, Windsor Essex, and Stratford (dormant).

Release of the national RCCO's strategic plan (2017-2020) has spurred some debate about whether we should have a strategic plan for the GB centre. Fr Ed proposed that we start by asking ourselves what we want to be five years from now. In retrospect, one of our main strengths has been friendship, and certainly we have enjoyed meeting each other five times a year or so, but what is our vision for the future?

David and Julian think continuing to offer *GROW* (Grey Bruce RCCO Organ Week): *Organ Encounter Week* should be one of the actions in our strategic plan.

Satomi pointed out that two areas of focus in the National Strategic Plan are "capacity building" (money-wise or policy-wise "to support ongoing services and new initiatives") and "outreach" ("to raise visibility...to ensure broad recognition and support for the organ community"). *Harmonies in the Midst of Madness and Miracle* and *GROW* cover these two areas.

Fr Ed cited his writing under "RCCO" and "Why donate to the scholarship fund?" at the end of the program for this year's *Harmonies*, where he profiles our centre as having a uniquely liturgical membership and focus. The article goes on to state that with this strong identity, the GBRCCO has successfully inspired young organists through the summer organ academy (i.e., *GROW*) and through offering organ scholarships (for which donations are sought). This uniqueness and identity as liturgical organists should serve as our vision.

Fr Ed apologized that he missed the deadline (March 15th) to inform the national office of our new centre fee, and read out at this meeting his email to national office explaining that, although he had earlier written to let National know of our ongoing electronic discussion on March 6, failure to inform them of the actual decision on March 15 was entirely his fault. Consequently this year's fee is still \$9. The \$0 centre fee, which we agreed to after an email opinion exchange ("Centre Fee for 2019-2020", "Centre Fee for 2019-2020: Addendum" and "Centre Fee for 2019-2010: A new proposal for our members", March 4th - March 12th, 2019), will apply to next year's cycle. A donation to the GBRCCO, instead of a centre fee, is encouraged. Fr Ed provided some feedback to national office from his own interaction with RCCO webpage to designate the Grey Bruce Centre as a recipient for donations. David offered that among comparable musical associations' fees, the RCCO national fee seems high. Marilyn disagreed, adding that funds return to the local centre in the form of scholarships and these are under the Centre's control.

Fr Ed asked if we need a budget. Treasurer Hilery said that account activities are quite routine, and having a budget may not play any role in this routine. The next slate of executives should look into it.

As another method of raising funds for scholarship purposes, John said that, based on past success, a "hymn festival" would be a good fund-raising event, perhaps in the fall (in October, before snow fall). A hymn festival is where participants sing favourite (pre-selected) hymns from the hymn book available in the church. In a carefully programmed sequence, organists take turns to accompany, and sometimes play solo pieces (to give breaks to the singers). Fr Ed has documents of many of such events and has a lot of programming ideas. Julian volunteered to help Fr Ed in planning a hymn festival.

Ongoing Business

- Travelling Clinician (Gertrude and Fr Ed)

Gertrude was absent, but Fr Ed had talked to Gertrude. Sarah Svendsen will adjudicate at the Midwestern Ontario Rotary Music Festival in Walkerton on Monday April 22nd, 2019, and will offer a master class afterwards on the same day. Fr Ed will arrange food for everyone between the festival and masterclass. The masterclass should be over by 8 pm.

It was originally thought that we could ask Sarah to provide a fund-raising concert during the Midwestern Ontario Rotary Music Festival (April 22nd - May 4th, 2019), but it was difficult to schedule with other festival-related events going in the vicinity. Fr Ed contacted Bluewater District School Board with the idea of Sarah giving a class to school children at St. Mark's Church (two blocks walking distance away from Chesley District Community School) in the afternoon of May 15, 2019. Both school board and teachers at Chesley District Community School were supportive. Sarah kindly agreed to make a separate trip for this event.

- Float in Community Parades (Dwayne and John)

Dwayne was absent. John listed problems of providing a float in community events: where to store, how to move (we are all scattered), who will man the float, who will play the organ. So we should take this item off the agenda.

- Local Orgelkit (John)

National RCCO wants us to use their national kit. Although specs are available, equipment for production is not. John considered replacing wooden pipes with metal pipes in order to lower the cost, but metal pipes are not as durable as wooden ones, which would be crucial for an interactive kit. We however like the idea of renting one of the national kits from time to time.

- Owen Sound BALL (Bluewater Association of Lifelong Learning)[3] presentation (Julian)

We will not be giving our organ talk during the 2019-2020 series. We will be considered for the May-June 2020-2021 series, so we should prepare for this special lecture.

- 2020 *GROW* (Grey Bruce RCCO Organ Week): *Organ Encounter Week* Update (Marilyn)

2019 *GROW* will not be staged this year because the Halifax Festival (July 7-11, 2019) is offering a summer organ academy (July 2-7, 2019) prior to the festival. The 2020 *GROW* is not planned yet. It was suggested that we advertise it at the hymn festival this fall. Fr Ed noted that the summer academy in Halifax offers three registration streams: Youth (14-19 years old), Performance, and Church Organist, where "Church Organist" is a recognized category.

Reports

- Vice-President

Vice-President Marilyn reported that a group of young people at Knox United Church, Durham ("Gospel Crew", four children) are into compositions and sing their works at the church.

- Immediate Past President

Immediate Past President Richard announced that he agreed to be president of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 202, Lion's Head, which will keep him busier for the next two years. During his recent travels in Italy, he saw a lot of young people in the church he attended that featured the old full Latin Mass and a small choir singing Renaissance Propers and Ordinary, and was full, including many young people. Relating to younger generation's enthusiasm in classical music and Latin

language, Hilery added that she also observed children enjoying singing Gabriel Fauré's Requiem in a school production in Chatham.

- Treasurer

Treasurer Hilery reported that the current bank balance sits at \$3162.62. Satomi asked what the \$4.50 income as membership fee is (our centre fee is \$9). \$4.50 is a half-year centre fee for a returning member. Hilery also reported that she had missed notifying the Midwestern Ontario Rotary Music Festival in Walkerton program advertisement deadline^[4].

- Secretary

Secretary Satomi has no report.

- Webmaster

Webmaster Julian reports he needs much more content to enrich our centre webpage—to which Fr Ed, who has been contributing most of the fresh content so far, offered a hearty Amen.

Fr Ed said the website costs around \$500 a year, which is about average price. Fr Ed has paid for it personally in the past. Do we want to continue using the webpage? Laura said she never looks at it, while Satomi serving as a secretary frequently needs to look up the centre archival records on the webpage to find out what happened in the past at centre meetings.

Marilyn suggested we piggyback on the national RCCO webpage to lower the cost. Satomi pointed out that the third area of focus in the national RCCO's strategic plan 2017-2020 (in addition to "capacity building" and "outreach") is "resources" (to "increase the ability of the RCCO to deliver greater value of our membership and the organ community at large"), and in this area, to "[e]nhance online member resources" and to "[d]evelop and provide programmatic and organizational templates for Regional Centres to improve accessibility and efficiency" is a part of the RCCO's objectives. Therefore, we have a strong case here to ask national RCCO to allow us to piggyback on their webpage. Fr Ed asked Julian to contact national office regarding this matter.

- Membership Coordinator

Membership Coordinator Dwayne was absent.

Fr Ed opened the floor to general discussion.

Julian, on behalf of Rob, announced Central Westside United Church, Owen Sound, needs a music director. Contact the church for further information.

Marj announced Great Lake Winds will offer a concert at Central Westside United Church, Owen Sound, at 2:30 pm. on May 5th, 2019.

David will send practice session booking table to Satomi to circulate among contributing members for *Harmonies in the Midst of Madness and Miracle* on Friday April 19, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Next meeting (AGM): Sunday June 9th, 2019 at Marilyn Dickson's residence in Durham. Catered meal.

Elections will be held.

Submitted by
Satomi

[1] Immediately after the meeting, Fr Ed and Satomi had the following communication. This time around, prior to AGM, again, this nomination procedure will be followed, which will be administered by two members whose names will not appear in the ballot: Fr Ed (to be the next Immediate Past President automatically) and Satomi (with one more year in the office of Secretary). And at AGM the names of the candidates will be disclosed for the final selection.

[2] Since this meeting, Marilyn has agreed to host the AGM at her place in Durham on June 9th..

[3] www.bluewaterlearns.com

[4] After the meeting, Hilery discovered that the ad will indeed appear as intended.

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Grey-Bruce Centre - AGM

Sunday June 24th, 2018

Grace House, Holland Center

Present – President, Father Ed Wagner; Treasurer, Hilery McAlpine; Secretary, Julian Delf; Nominating Committee, Steve Tite; Richard Smith, Gertrude Weber, David Hamilton, Satomi Currah, Marjorie Tite, John Tite, Doug Squire, Marilyn Dickson, Ian McAlpine, Yuumi Currah, Ashton Dunk, Anna Perroni, Azreal Hackshaw

The AGM this year was hosted by Father Ed at Grace House, Holland Centre. We met from 4:00 and people had an opportunity to play the piano and organ at Grace House and there was time for socializing. Around 5:00 Father Ed led us in grace and then we enjoyed an excellent meal with thanks to Angela and Father Ed for preparing it. At 6:00 we sat down for the business meeting.

Looking at the Agenda Marilyn asked that a point for the Scholarship Committee report be added. Marilyn moved that the Agenda be accepted as amended, seconded by Richard, all in favor and motion carried.

The minutes from the last centre meeting were reviewed and it was raised that Satomi was present at the meeting, but had been missed from the minutes. Julian moved the minutes be accepted as amended, seconded by David, all in favor and motion carried.

Next the minutes from the 2017 AGM were reviewed, Ian moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, Gertrude seconded, all in favor and motion carried.

Looking at the nominations the only nomination was for Secretary as Julian was standing down after a two-year term. Satomi had agreed to be nominated as Secretary. All other posts were left unchanged. Father Ed thanked Julian for his term as Secretary. Marilyn moved that nominations be closed and accepted, Ian seconded, all were in favor of the nomination.

We discussed our RCCO centre fee, there had been some confusion over the setting of the fee for this year. David moved **That the centre fee be set back to \$5**, as was previously agreed, Julian seconded. Marilyn noted that during the last 3 years we had received \$3400 in scholarship fees from the National RCCO, but that wasn't directly related to the centre part of the fees. We need to discuss with the national office to get the correct fee set. All in favor and motion carried.

We next looked at the Annual Reports. Father Ed went through the Presidents report, which was previously circulated. He also presented an email conversation with David Palmer about our proposal to create a local Orglekids kit, he will be following up on this later.

Hilery presented the Treasurers report, which was previously circulated. This showed a balance of \$2837.67. There are still payments to go out, including lessons for Laura and Satomi as part of their local scholarships. Hilery moved that the report be accepted, David seconded, all in favor and motion carried.

Dwayne was not present for the Membership report. Father Ed noted that membership was fairly stable. Ashton and Anna are now members as of the 1st of June. It was also noted that the National RCCO appear to be expanding their appeal to cover organists outside of the church.

Richard shared his thoughts as past President and was encouraged to see there appeared to be a succession of young organists coming through in our churches.

Marilyn reported on the Scholarship Committee. Applications for national scholarships had been put in via David Palmer for both Anna and Ashton and these had been successful for 2018/2019.

Scholarship certificates had been presented to Azrael and Satomi. The national scholarships have now increased from \$500 to \$600, this was based on the noted increase in lesson costs. Marilyn noted that we should only consider 2 scholarships per year from National. She also covered the successful programs that we had put on in 2015 and the 2017 Grow Week. It was great to see that we still had a number of students still playing and involved in the centre.

There were a number of motions brought forward from the Executive Committee meeting from May 11th.

- **That the following are our stated meetings through June, 2019:**

The original list of dates was reviewed and agreed as follows :-

September 16, Annan – Trinity United Church;

November 18, Southampton—St Andrew's Presbyterian;

January 20, Chesley – St Mark's Lutheran (storm date week following);

April 7, 2019, Kincardine - United Church;

June 23 (AGM), Durham (Dickson residence)

David moved that the list of dates be accepted, Ashton seconded, all in favour and motion carried.

- That the 2019 Harmonies presentation be held at Kincardine United Church on Good Friday, April 19, 2019.

The motion was moved by Ashton, Anna seconded. David confirmed that this was agreed with the church and that we could try out the organ at the centre meeting on the 7th of April. All in favour and the motion carried.

- That GBRCCO recommend to the Midwestern Ontario Rotary Music Festival (beginning April 22) that it engage Sarah Svendsen as its 2019 organ adjudicator, to be concurrent with her visit to us as RCCO Travelling Clinician.

The motion was moved by Richard, Marilyn seconded. Father Ed had been in contact with Sarah and it was hoped she would bring one of the OrglekidsCAN kits and play her doctoral recital. All in favour and the motion carried.

- That GBRCCO be a financial sponsor of the Community Hymn Sing and Choir Workshop in Kincardine on September 14-15, 2018, in the amount of \$ ____

The motion was moved by Ashton, Julian seconded. In the following discussion David suggested that the workshop would be useful many people. John raised the concern that sponsoring might set a precedent for sponsoring other events, such as the Chantry Singers. Father Ed and Marilyn thought we should try and sponsor events in our community, Marilyn suggested we should set a percentage of budget, or possibly costs should be covered by the fees. Hilery raised that we don't have a budget, which we need to look at, with all the other committed expenses we only have about \$600 clear in the account. It was agreed that we need to defer this to next meeting to allow the figures to be checked.

- That Dwayne Hachman and John Tite report back on developing a float for Santa or other community parade(s) during 2018/19, by September 2018.

The motion was moved by David, Ashton seconded. John reported that there would likely be issues with logistics in building and moving a float. He asked if there were any other volunteers, there were no offers. It was suggested that we let Dwayne and John report back in September to see what was suggested. All in favor, apart from Richard. Motion carried.

- That _____ be empowered to investigate the feasibility of creating GBRCCO's own OrgelKit, and report back September, 2018

Before the motion was moved Father Ed suggested we defer this motion until he has completed his discussions with RCCO National office.

- That GBRCCO empower Julian Delf to organize an Owen Sound BALL lecture on organs during the 2019/20 BALL season.

This motion was moved by Ashton, David seconded. Julian explained that BALL was the Bluewater Association of Lifelong Learning that arranges a yearly series of lectures in the Bayshore Community Center for about 275 people. He had been part of the last lecture series and had been asked for any ideas for the future 2019/2020 series and had suggested a talk based around pipe organs. It is currently with the BALL committee to see if that is something they think would be interesting to the members, if they are interested then we can progress further. All in favor, Motion carried.

- That _____ be empowered to develop an Educational program for a period during the summer for 2019.

The motion was moved by Ashton, seconded by Gertrude. It was agreed that this should progress, current volunteers are - Marilyn, Julian, Father Ed, David, Dwayne and Ashton. All in favor, Motion carried.

There were a couple of announcements.

Doug gave us some information of a recital at Southampton United Church at 7:30pm on Friday 10th August by Matthew Whitfield.

David reminded us about the Community Hymn Sing and Choir Workshop at Kincardine United Church on September 14th and 15th.

Marg moved that meeting be Adjourned at 19:36.

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24 June 2018

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Dear Members and Friends:

Take a look again at the slogan above, the one our Executive adopted when I became your President last year at this time.

Are we living up to "Encourage, Educate, Enjoy?" As I look back over the year since our 2017 AGM:

- Yes, our meetings now regularly include an education component, we now offer two annual organ scholarships of \$500 each, and we are enthusiastic about mounting another GROW Week;
- Yes, we encourage one another. Our Good Friday "Harmonies in the Midst of Madness and Miracle" continues to be open to all players of whatever skill. Touchingly, the adjudicator of the Organ section of the Walkerton Music Festival last April commented a number of times throughout the afternoon on the support the dozen of us from GBRCCO in the audience gave the players, start to finish;
- Yes, we continue to enjoy one another's company when we meet—homemade food and warm, sincere fellowship at every meeting.

I am also mindful of how even during a bad snow, some of us manage to show up for meetings in spite of our distance challenges, that 30% of us sat down to respond to our first member-wide survey, that we take our place at National meetings frequently enough that National knows who we are and appreciates our presence.

But I'm particularly pleased that though we've been using our new ByLaws to organize ourselves, this hasn't resulted in undue formality of any kind. Our district Director, David Palmer, has remarked on how easily, respectfully and good-naturedly we collaborate with one another to make decisions.

All good, and may we always thus be blessed!

We're an active, creative bunch, and in this my last year as President—that's what the ByLaws say, and I'm sticking to it, because we all need to take our turn at leadership—I intend to help us build on who we are and what we do well. Think enticing meetings, another GROW Week, OrgelKidsCAN, another extraordinary *Harmonies*, a Wow! Hymn Festival in Kincardine, Sarah in Walkerton

Yeah!

Affectionately, with blessings to you all.

Fr. Ed

FINANCIAL REPORT

for THE ROYAL CANADIAN COLLEGE OF ORGANISTS

Grey-Bruce Centre

June 1, 2017 - May 31, 2018

Bank Balance on June 1, 2017 \$ 2,404.57

Income:

Centre meetings:	\$ 308.00
Miscellaneous:	100.00
Scholarships:	2,297.10
Membership:	<u>52.00</u>

Total Income:	+ <u>2,757.10</u>
	\$ 5,161.67

Expenses:

Membership:	\$ 413.00
Catering:	306.00
Advertising:	326.70
Scholarships:	1,178.30
Miscellaneous:	<u>100.00</u>
Total Expenses:	- <u>2,324.00</u>

Bank Balance on May 31, 2018 \$2,837.67

Petty Cash: \$9.05

Prepared and Submitted by:

6/6/2019

June 2018 - AGM - RCCO Grey Bruce Centre

H. R. McAlpine,
Treasurer, Grey-Bruce Centre

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