

GREY BRUCE RCCO CENTRE
SEPTEMBER MEETING – ZOOM - MINUTES
2021 09 12 - 2:00 p.m.

Present on the Zoom Call :

Marilyn Dickson, Richard Smith, Julian Delf, Satomi Currah, Marj Tite, John Tite, Fr. Ed Wagner, Dwayne Hackman, Steve Tite, Ashton Dunk, Gertrude Weber, Ian McAlpine

1. Minutes from last meeting – AGM

Everyone had received the minutes of the previous meeting (actually the AGM), there were no errors or omissions noted so Julian moved that they be accepted, seconded by Marilyn all voted in favor – motion passed.

2. Treasurer's Report – Satomi

Satomi presented the treasurer's report, which had also been distributed earlier. Looking at the expenses all we had were the normal bank fees of \$3.75 per month and for income there was interest of \$1.33, and a donation of \$200 via the national RCCO from one member. There were also 12 centre fees of \$10 deposited. This gave a total current funds of \$2150.67 available. Julian noted that he had signed the form for the signing officer changes at RBC in Owen Sound, this leaves Julian, Satomi and Fr Ed as the signing officers for the next two years. There were no further questions and Satomi moved the report be accepted, seconded by Julian all voted in favor – motion passed.

3. Communications – Saugeen Academy

Dwayne informed that he had had an email conversation with Michael Schmidt from the Saugeen Academy (formally the Hanover Baptist Church) which is now available as a concert venue (managed by Symphony in the Barn). The church contains a pipe organ, which is probably unusual for a concert venue in the area. The email response from Michael was very positive in terms of looking into the possibility of an organ recital series. Dwayne also shared a positive email from Sharon Findlay, the administrator for the Saugeen Academy.

4. Committee formation – “operation big data”

Next Dwayne discussed the history behind the collection of data on the pipe organs in Grey/Bruce, especially the excellent recent work done by Satomi. It would be a shame to have all the data and not to use it. Dwayne had some ideas, such as talking to churches to help them understand what a resource they have, perhaps talk to the

local papers about the history of the organs, connect with Grey Roots Museum and Archives to see if there is a possibility to do some sort of presentation on the organs. Julian has spoken to Grey Roots and will contact them again after their season has wrapped up.

After further discussion Julian, Satomi, John, Ashton, Dwayne and Fr Ed agreed to be on the committee to look at exploiting the data we have. It was noted the advantage to having Fr Ed involved as clergy, with contacts into the various churches. We also discussed the need to update the information and images as some of this is quite old and the need to collect the right level of information when we collect it.

5. Grey/Bruce - "Organ Clearing House"

This discussion was the result of an email that Fr Ed had received and passed on to Dwayne relating to a practice console that was used by a now retired organist and is now in storage. It was unclear from the information as to what state it was in, or where it was being stored – possibly in the Owen Sound area. If it is of interest to anyone then it can be followed up. Fr Ed will try and follow up with Tom to find out a bit more about it.

6. Positions Available

Dwayne had been informed that there was an organist position available at the Presbyterian church in Teeswater. Dwayne thought it was an electronic organ, not a pipe organ. He felt it was good to publicize these available positions in case there is someone who might be interested.

Dwayne said he had been approached to play the Latin Mass at St Mary's Owen Sound, this is where Anna had been playing, he will let us know how that goes. He then asked if there were any other positions that people knew were available. John mentioned Our Savior Lutheran, Owen Sound, this is currently being covered by a rota – including Julian, Ashton and two other musicians - so is covered.

7. Reports and Other Business

Dwayne and Satomi reminded us that it is one year since Hillery's passing, on September 10, several people commented that it didn't seem that a year had gone by already.

Marilyn updated us on the experience she had had, with Satomi and Lester, attending the RCCO Service Playing Course. This comprised of six sessions, Marilyn thought it

might have been better with more practice time, but she still learnt some useful things. Satomi will be taking the Service playing exam following the course.

Julian updated that he had sent the meeting details to our new member Gerard Daechsel, but this had gone via mail so may have not got there in time for the meeting. Julian will provide Dwayne with Gerard's contact details to see if we can do a formal introduction to the centre.

Fr Ed had mentioned previously that he had contacted OSHaRE some time ago about the possibility of arranging a Hymn Sing in support of OSHaRE and hadn't had any response back. Julian had contacted the current chair of OSHaRE and had a response apologizing for the lack of any previous response and saying they would be pleased to be part of a Hymn Sing - probably the spring of 2022 would be best – more to follow.

Fr Ed updated us on the progress of registration for the course he is offering, Satomi has signed up and has obtained a copy of the course textbook. As this is now out of print it can be hard to find, Fr Ed suggested amazon.com as they have some copies still. Fr Ed said he is considering continuing to offer these 4 courses in a two year cycle and people can join at any point.

Richard updated us on the progress of Anna who has now got the licentiate in piano and she is now going to Hillsdale, Michigan to further her studies in piano and organ.

8. Next Meeting

We had a discussion about the next meeting and whether it would be in person, or still on Zoom, or a combination. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov 14th at St Andrews, Southampton, John said there was a funeral and reception coming up soon there and it would be useful to see how that is managed to give an idea of how that would work if we were able to meet. We could still use technology to provide Zoom/Livestream to connect with members who couldn't make the meeting in person. If there are in-person meetings we would need to check the rules as each church is potentially slightly different. Dwayne proposed that by late October we see what the rules are then and make a decision early November.

The meeting closed at 3:00pm