



**American Guild of Organists
Sarasota-Manatee Chapter
Executive Zoom Committee Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2024 | 2:30 p.m.**

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

Sam Nelson
Dean

David Patrick
Sub-Dean

Glen Olsen
Treasurer

Cynthia Roberts-Greene
Secretary

The Rev. Charleston Wilson
Chaplain

Executive Board

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Richard Benedum
John Behnke

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Linda Petersen
Craig Ramberger

2026

James Guyer
Jane Hunder

Admin. – Susan Crumpler

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1. Call to Order – Dean Sam Nelson called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call – Sam Nelson, Richard Benedum, Glen Olsen, David Patrick, John Behnke, Linda Petersen, Jane Hunder, Craig Ramberger, and Cynthia Roberts-Greene were in attendance.
3. Approval of Minutes – June 19, 2023 Dick Benedum moved to approve minutes; John Behnke seconded. Motion approved.
4. Dean's Report – Sam Nelson

Currently chapter has 63 members. In last year 28 cancelled. New people and cancellations have been consistent with the past.

Hector Olivera's concert: Get people in the door. Sold 55 tickets but it's still early.

Newsletter – encouraged members to write content for the newsletter.
5. Sub-Dean's Report – David Patrick

Event: Organ Crawl. Attendance not good; hopefully better in the future. 10 people attended. It was held at Christ Episcopal in Bradenton, where Jim Walton was host. Lunch at Pier 22. Then they went to State College of Florida where recently the fiftieth anniversary of McMannis organ was celebrated.

Robyn Bell was host. Members had some time on the auditorium organ. Tour of music facilities.

Encouraged us to invite people to Olivera concert. Program Committee will serve as ushers. Members of Program Committee are: David Patrick, Bob Woody, Lorraine Murphy, Dick Benedum, and Bryan Cordelle, and Martha Stiehl. Next meeting will be Tuesday the 23rd.

6. Treasurer's Report – Glen Olsen (See attached)

Glen talked to National pertaining to how to handle the donor for the Olivera Concert. Donor will give donation to chapter and Glen will write letter acknowledging for tax purposes. Donor will write to chapter acknowledging the letter.

Hector Olivera will have to fill out a new W9 as it was over ten years ago when he last offered a concert for our chapter.

June 22 report – \$165 for GoDaddy domain. Constant Contact is \$100 per year. Central Music paid for advertising last year. Did advertising money come in from then again?

Last year because of the choral festival we had a deficit; this year we have a donor for Olivera. We have no deficit this year.

\$2000-\$2500 is what we take in from our chapter for dues.

Clarification by Sam: Sept 10 amount dispersed was for Constant Contact, not for Microsoft.

Vote to approve Treasurer's Report: John Behnke moved; Seconded, Jane Hunder. Motion approved.



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7. New Business

a. Approval of Program Budget –

PR for Olivera is from Redeemer, FB ads, and sending out to Church of the Redeemer members.

John B. suggested having some other publicity for the concert.

Sam said possibly getting free publicity might be possible with WSMR.

Sam trying to get article in paper.

David Patrick: perhaps WWSB would be a good way to promote.

Jane H. will get info on how to get airtime on WWSB through Linda Carson.

Sam: \$500 for advertising. John B. suggested taking \$3000 off budget for Olivera since it's being underwritten.

David Patrick: 4 programs for this year: organ crawl, concert in February, Sibelius workshop, and brunch.

\$250 for reception for Olivera concert. (Program Committee would approve who goes.)

Motion to approve program budget: David Patrick, seconded by Dick Benedum. Motion approved.

b. Hector Olivera logistics (Already discussed in Dean's report)



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Regarding the approval of the annual meeting and brunch on May 18 in the morning (time TBA), the Executive Committee voted via email to approve unanimously on January 24, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Roberts-Greene

Secretary