

Old Dominion Theatre Organ Society

Minutes of Annual Meeting October 9, 2016

The Annual Meeting of the Old Dominion Theatre Organ Society (ODTOS) was held on Sunday October 9, 2016, 3:00 PM at the home of Joe and Susan Graif. In attendance were:

Members: John DeMajo, Bill Gilligan, Joe Graif, Susan Graif, Charles Hague, Jack Hardman (concert), Mildred Hardman (concert), Jennie McKernon, Kerry McKernon, Al Murrell, Walt Roberts, Janet Stern, Ron Stonehouse.

Associate Members: John Ball (concert), Barbara Vanderbilt, Ray Vanderbilt, Ed Wilde

Guest: Marcus Thompson

The President, Charles Hague, declared that a quorum was present, thanked all for attending, and called the meeting to order.

President's Comments:

The purpose of this meeting is to provide you information on what we've done over the past year and to elect officers to serve January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018.

Our Chapter is now a little over two years old. Since last October we have:

1. Added three new members; one member has passed away (Oscar Olson), and three members have resigned. We now have a membership of 36 households with a total membership of 51.
2. In February we held a meeting at the home of Jim and Lynda Reinhart. Jim provided a demonstration of his Allen organ.
3. In April, twelve members attended a Saturday concert by Dave Wickerham at the home of Jack and Mildred Hardman.
4. An open console and was held at the Byrd Theatre in June.
5. Your President and Vice-President provided tours of the Carpenter and Byrd Theatres to Charles Brown and his daughter Sarah from the north west of England. Contact was made through the ODTOS web site.
6. Your Board has met five times.
7. Three member newsletters have been published.

8. A “closing chord” on the passing of Dick Barlow was published in Theatre Organ Magazine.
9. Updated rack cards were designed and printed to promote ODTOS.
10. Our Treasurer reports a net balance on hand as of September 13 of \$2,386.61.
11. Total expenditures for the calendar year to date have been \$27.06 the largest, \$25, for our State Corporation Commission annual corporate charter renewal.

As an organization, ODTOS must continue efforts to find and enable new theatre organ talent, increase membership, and actively promote the use of existing instruments. We are working with Jack and Mildred Hardman to find a home for their beautiful 4/38 Wurlitzer. It is our hope that this instrument, the largest and finest theatre pipe organ in Virginia, will remain in our fair Commonwealth.

My thanks to our out-going officers Vice-President, Bob Gullede, Secretary, David Hipkins, and Treasurer, Wendy Wurlitzer for their work.

The President asked if there were any questions or comments.

Kerry McKernon asked if the Altria Theatre in Richmond could possibly become a home for the Hardman Studio organ.

President's response: The Altria Theatre and their management company, SMG, have stated that they plan to renovate the original 1927 Wurlitzer that remains in the theatre albeit not playable and with some water damage in the chambers. In addition, it is most probably that the pipe chambers within the Altria Theatre are not large enough to accommodate the instrument without major reconfiguration.

Ed Wilde asked about the timeframe to find a home for the Hardman Studio Organ.

President's response: The Hardman's have not set a specific timeframe.

There being no further questions or comments, the President turned the meeting over to Ron Stonehouse, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to conduct the election of officers for the period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018.

Officer Nominations and results:

President - Charles Hague nominated John DeMajo. There being no other

nominations, a voice vote was called. Results: Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0.

Vice-President - Charles Hague nominated Al Murrell. There being no other nominations, a voice vote was called. Results:Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0.

Secretary - Ron Stonehouse nominated Charles Hague. There being no other nominations, a voice vote was called. Results:Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0.

Treasurer - Charles Hague nominated Joe Graif. There being no other nominations, a voice vote was called. Results:Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0.

The President thanked the Nominating Committe and congratulated new officers!

There being no other business, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

A concert of famous movie themes was presented by Joe Graif. Following the concert, members enjoyed refreshments and an open console.

Respectfully,

Charles Hague, President on behalf of David Hipkins, Secretary