

Old Dominion Theatre Organ Society
Minutes of the Second Annual Meeting
October 23, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM and held at the New York Deli, 2920 W Cary St, Richmond, VA 23221. In attendance were: John DeMajo, Joe Graif, Susan Graif, Bob Gullledge, Charles Hague, George Mather, Walt Roberts, John Stenstrom, Janet Stern, Ron Stonehouse, and Wendy Wurlitzer.

President Charles Hague's Comments:

Thank you for coming this evening!

I see that we have a quorum so I call this Second Annual Meeting to order.

The purpose of our Annual Meeting is to provide you information on what we've done over the past year and where we are going.

Our Chapter is now a little over one year old. Since last October we have:

1. Conducted a survey of members with a 60% participation rate.
2. Added seven new members for a total membership of 37.
3. One of our members, David Barnett, was elected to the ATOS Board of Directors.
4. Added a public ODTOS Facebook page.
5. In November, several members attended the Tony Bennett Live concert at the newly renovated Altria Theatre.
6. In March, eleven members attended a Saturday concert by David Gray at the home of Jack Hardman.
7. Held a member meeting at the home of John DeMajo in May.
8. Held an open console and concert at the Carpenter Theatre in August.
9. Your Board has met seven times.
10. Published six member newsletters.
11. Published three Chapter News stories in Theatre Organ Magazine.
12. Received tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code.
13. Raised nearly \$1,400 in member dues and contributions.
14. Total expenditures have been \$29.03 the largest, \$25, for our State Corporation Commission annual corporate charter renewal.
15. Wendy Wurlitzer and Bob Gullledge submitted and received approval for a \$5,000 ATOS Foundation grant as partial funding to restore the Byrd Theatre Wurlitzer solo Xylophone.

From our survey you ranked the following four activities as most important to you. Allow me to comment on the progress of each.

1 - Increasing ODTOS membership

Although there has been an increase in membership, more needs to be done. Your Board is redesigning marketing materials and working to get local media attention. Your help is needed. Encourage your friends to become part of the exciting and fun entertainment offered by theatre organs.

2 - Finding and enabling new theatre organ talent

We have discovered and are very fortunate that our Chapter has some very talented theatre organists! Your Board is reaching out to colleges and universities across the state in an effort to build interest in theatre organ and find new talent.

3 - Live concerts in member homes

The meeting and open console at the home of John DeMajo was well received and I'd like to thank John and his family for their gracious hospitality. Your Board is considering several members' offers to host meetings in their homes. Our priority is to hold meetings in northern and western Virginia during the next year.

4 - Live concerts in public venues

Being considered but still a little early for our Chapter based on resources.

You may recall that one of the priorities I mentioned in last year's Annual Meeting was the renovation of the Altria (aka Mosque, Landmark) Theatre organ. Since our August event at the Carpenter Theatre, I now believe the Altria instrument renovation should become a longer range goal and that we should direct our focus to the Byrd and Carpenter Theatres. Because both of these instruments are playable, they serve as the foundation for building the interest in theatre organs that will be needed when the fund raising for the Altria organ is begun. To that end, we need to increase our efforts to find and enable new theatre organ talent and actively promote the use of existing instruments.

Although much has been accomplished, much remains to be done. With your help and support, we will accomplish our goals.

My thanks to our Vice-President, Bob Gullidge, Secretary, David Hipkins, and Treasurer, Wendy Wurlitzer for their work and dedication.

Are there any questions or comments?

There being no other business, I declare this meeting adjourned.