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FROM DEAN PEGGY GRAFF

Happy Spring, Friends, and Colleagues!

We are coming into what I think is the most beautiful time of the year – flowers are beginning to emerge from the ground, birds are singing their tunes, the grass is turning green, trees are budding and flowering, and we have been blessed by ground-soaking rains. Hopefully, midst all your preparations for Lent, Easter, and other holidays this Spring, you will take the time to see, hear, smell, taste, and feel the wonder and beauty of nature!

Please mark your calendar for a very important chapter member dinner, meeting, in-person ballot voting, election of officers, and an organ recital - all on **Friday, May 3!** **We need at least 40 eligible voting members present to meet the required minimum 25% quorum for in-person ballot voting.** Of course, we are hoping for more people than 40 to attend this last FWAGO event of the season. It is always fun to see each other and to hear wonderful, live organ music!

Location: First United Methodist Church – Fort Worth
800 West 5th Street | Fort Worth | 76102

Time: 6:00 pm - dinner in Wesley Hall at FUMFW
Those who arrive at 6 pm may begin eating. **For those needing to arrive later than 6:00 pm, dinner will be served until 6:30 pm.**

Dinner reservation tickets for May 3 are available as you click on this link:

<https://buytickets.at/fortworthchapteroftheamericanguildoforganists/1197412>

6:40 pm – officer and director elections by written ballot, ballot counting, results, and installation ceremony.

Officers and Directors' ballot election slate of nominees

Slate of *Officer* Nominees:

- Dean Peggy Graff
- Sub-Dean Clive Driskill-Smith
- Secretary Sueda Luttrell
- Treasurer Bruce Webb
- **Publicist Dana Chavarria **Appointed Position

Slate of *Director* Nominees (we will vote for **four** (4) by in-person ballot at the meeting):

- Devon Howard
- Jeanette Keim
- Alan Kerr
- Carol Kocher
- Katherine Schmitz
- Jordan Smith

7:45 pm – Organ recital | Sanctuary | FUMCFW

Marshall Joos, organist

Mr. Marshall Joos is the 2023 AGO Quimby/RCYO Regional Winner. He currently studies organ with Ken Cowen at Rice University and is an incredible young organist whom you will thoroughly enjoy hearing perform on the magnificent Dan Garland pipe organ.



A special thank you to past Dean Rebecca Sawyer for her work to chair the 2024 Nominating Committee, and to the committee members:

Dr. Beverly Howard, Past Dean
Alan Kerr, CAGO
Sueda Luttrell
Dr. Barbara Marquart, AAGO
Dennis Opferman
Mary Alice Parrish
Glenda Robinson, CAGO



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

DR. DEVON HOWARD

Greetings FWAGO Friends and Colleagues!

Another year has come and gone in the cycle of church music. One of my favorite parts of the Advent season is the focus on a new year and fresh beginnings several weeks before the rest of the world comes around to it. It can be easy to get lost in the busyness, but I hope you find moments of peace, thoughts of hope, feelings of love and outpourings of joy as you make music now and into 2024!

As you look forward into the new year, please keep our upcoming chapter events in mind and on your calendars!

To start off the new year we are partnering with Dr. Joseph Butler and TCU to welcome David Higgs to town for a concert on Friday, January 26th at 7.00p. Higgs is one of America's leading concert organists, and serves as Chair of the Organ Department at the Eastman School of Music. He performs extensively throughout the United States and abroad, and is known for his versatile and accessible programming. You will not want to miss the concert or the opportunity to talk with Higgs at the reception following the program.

February's event centers around the opportunity to experience the new console and additions to the organ of St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, with host Jordon Smith. Quimby Pipe Organs has been busy at work building a new 4-manual console for the main Gallery organ as well as expanding the chancel division by over 20 stops. Plan to bring your favorite piece and enjoy exploring the updated instrument and beautiful acoustics of St. Stephen's with colleagues and friends. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided for this social event!

Finally we will wrap up the spring season on Friday, May 3rd at 7.00p with the winner of the Southwestern Region AGO/Quimby Regional Competitions for Young Organists, Marshall Joos. Joos is currently studying organ with Ken Cowan at Rice University in Houston. His recital will be held at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church and represents a wonderful contribution to the various events planned to celebrate the dedication of Quimby's upgrades to their beautiful instrument. A catered chapter meal will precede the concert, so please check the chapter website for more information about dinner reservations.

These concerts and events are planned for you! Please plan to attend, and don't forget to invite friends, colleagues and family members along with you. In addition to being free, our chapter sponsored events this spring represent arts and culture at the highest levels. Plan to be part of celebrating and sharing the instrument we love!

Plan to attend, plan to invite, plan to enjoy! See you each soon!





THANK YOU, DONORS !!!

With grateful thanks to our donors who support the mission of the Fort Worth Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. *(This list is for donations for the calendar year 2024 as posted in ONCARD chapter membership database on March 8, 2024. Funds may not have yet been deposited into chapter bank accounts. Deposit dates may be as long as a month before the chapter receives a donated amount. Most donations will be received during May-July 2024 when most members renew their expired memberships.)*

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MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

As of March 18, 2024, we have 145 paid members in our chapter (29 of these members have dual membership). Breakdown by membership category as follows:

- 62 Regular Members (17 dual membership)
- 66 Special Members (9 dual membership)
- 13 Young Organists (3 dual membership)
- 4 Chapter Friends

(Reported by Dana Chavarria, CAGO, Membership Committee Chair/ONCARD Database Administrator)



Welcome New Members!

Mr. Mariano Gongora joined the Fort Worth Chapter in December as a regular member.

Mr. Sandy McQueen joined the Fort Worth Chapter in February as a regular member.

CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORT

The chapter's financial status as of end of February 2024 is:

Frost Bank Checking Account	17,835.31
Frost Bank Money Market Account	68,183.36
Net Worth (Assets less Liabilities)	88,693.67
William E. Hayes Scholarship Fund	8,382.35

In early March, the Finance Committee (Elizabeth Kutz/Treasurer, Ed Ackermann/Deputy Treasurer, and Dennis Opferman met to invest a good portion of the Frost Bank Money Market Account in U.S. Treasury Bills to earn a greater return than the Money Market account earns. Note that the Money Market account has yield a considerably higher interest than when the funds were held in a Comerica Bank savings account.

All tasks for converting Comerica Bank checking, savings and credit card account to Frost Bank accounts has been completed. Purpose for the conversion was to seek better interest on our savings and better credit card account features.

(Submitted by Elizabeth Kutz/Treasurer and Ed Ackermann/Deputy Treasurer.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Elected Positions as of July 1, 2022)

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