

April 19, 2019, meeting minutes, Tucson Chapter, PTG (857)

The regular meeting of the Tucson Chapter (857) took place on Wednesday, April 19, 2019, at Hachenberg & Sons Piano Store, 4333 Broadway Blvd., Tucson, AZ. The meeting was called to order by President Kirby Tucker who called on Bob Anderson to act as meeting chair. Chapter members present included Bob Anderson, Bob Conrad, Mike Erickson, Neal Flint, Randy Prentice, Sarah Hong-Soto, and Kirby Tucker. We welcomed one guest: D Evans. The chapter secretary, Richard West, was unable to attend, so Sarah Hong Soto and Bob Anderson compiled minutes. NOTE: Richard West made some organizational/editorial changes for clarity and brevity.

Treasurer's report: Bob Anderson reported that we had \$1903.31 in the chapter account. He thanked Mike Erickson for providing meeting snacks last month. Mike supplied food at his own expense and said that he would continue to provide snacks for a few more months, since he is planning on retiring soon. Everyone was enthusiastic and grateful for Mike's generosity.

Old Business: **1) Projector:** Given the high cost of a projector, screen, and related expenses, it was agreed that making the purchase was not a priority. All were satisfied with the TV/DVD arrangement at Hachenberg's. **2) Alternate meeting sites:** Several locations were mentioned. D. Evans suggested Golden Corral buffet at 22nd street, since there were separate meeting spaces. Mike Erickson suggested having a picnic at Reid Park. Bob Anderson said the chapter had met at his home. Randy Prentice remembered going to Pinnacle Peak Steakhouse; he hoped to return and get the chapter funds to pay for our meals. Kirby Tucker reminded him that expenses at the last Pinnacle Peak meeting were a generous treat funded by Mark Hachenberg as a thank-you, and not likely to be repeated. No final site was selected but Golden Corral buffet seemed the most likely choice. Bob Anderson said we'd all be getting separate checks and each attendee paying for his/her own meal. No discussion was made of a technical presentation at that meeting, nor did anyone think it was important to include a piano.

3) Insurance: The purchase of liability insurance by the chapter received mixed reactions. Bob Anderson said that since the most recent Associate seminar lost money, he doesn't see the need to spend even more money on it by getting insurance, especially since everyone believes that as long as we only meet at Hachenberg's, we'll never need any insurance. Kirby Tucker said if we could find a policy that cost \$350-400 per year, then we could afford it without any trouble. Sarah Hong-Soto mentioned that insurance is not just for rare occasional Associate events, but also for regular meetings, so that we don't open up the Guild to lawsuits or liability. She added that the chapter might have gotten spoiled by always meeting at Hachenbergs and inertia. No action taken.

New Business: **1) Election of officers:** Convention delegate: Bob Anderson raised the possibility that someone other than the usual convention-goers should be delegate. Sarah Hong-Soto was selected to be our delegate; Randy Prentice was selected as the alternate. Expense money in the amount of \$100 was allocated, which should help with gas and meals. The chapter elects other officers every other years; this was the off year, so current officers remain until next year. **2) Next meeting:** The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 19, 2019, possibly at Golden Corral. No technical presentation was selected, but it was decided to carry over two business items: 1. Discussion of the upcoming class covering technical exam repairs, 2. Discussions related to recent changes in policies by the Steinway Company. We will need to inform our convention delegate of the chapter's collective position on the matter.

Tech Topic: Voicing; Presenters were Kirby Tucker and Randy Prentice.

The Voicing video is a DVD that comes with a picture book called "The Voice of the Piano" by Andre Oorebeek. It can be ordered from the classified ads in the back of the Journal. The book looks like a children's picture book in size and thinness. The video showed him working very fast, and the specs were like Goldilocks "too much, not enough, just right" without much explanation of how those were determined. Bob Conrad disagreed with certain techniques. Kirby complained that Andre grabbed 3 hammers at once and was twisting them while working on them.