Annual Report

July 15, 2022

Dear Friends of the Kathryn Stephenson Pipe Organ Foundation,

We hope this letter finds you well, and we wish to update you on the activities of the Foundation since the 2021 Annual Report.

**Management**

First, I would like to thank outgoing Financial Secretary, Maryjo Prestridge. Maryjo stepped down from her role in December, 2021 since having served as an original member of the board. She made considerable contributions to the development of the foundation, from creating the website to getting our financial mechanisms up and running. We are grateful for her work, we wish her well, and we look forward to seeing her at future foundation events.

During the March, 2022 board meeting we welcomed two new members: Kevin Haney and Daryl Brown: Kevin will serve as Financial Secretary and Daryl will serve as Secretary. Kevin comes to us in several capacities – first as Organist of Conover First United Methodist Church and also as Finance Director for the Town of Stanley in Gaston County. Kevin previously was the Treasurer for the Charlotte Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Daryl Brown comes to us as a member of First United Methodist Church, Charlotte and as a Bank of America employee.

We look forward to their participation with the management of this organization.

**Financial Status**

As of June 30, 2022, the foundation’s running balance is $6,765.07.

In December, 2021, a donation in the amount of $600 was given by the First United Methodist Adult Fellowship Class. We are grateful for the class’s contribution towards the continued operational success of the foundation.

At the April, 2022 meeting the foundation board approved for a 50% contribution towards the cost of a new adjustable organ bench and console mirror. The total cost of procuring these items was $3,300.00, with the foundation contributing $1,650.00.

The foundation continues to offer online giving methods through our website and as a registered charity organization via Amazon Smile.

**Looking Ahead: 55th Anniversary of the Möller, Opus 10260**

In collaboration with the 75th Anniversary of the Charlotte Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, we are delighted to announce a celebration weekend featuring Paul Jacobs, Chair of the Juilliard School’s Organ Department, on Friday evening, September 30 and Saturday evening, October 1 at First United Methodist Church, 501 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, performing the Saint- Saëns Symphony No. 3 in C minor (“Organ Symphony”) on the 3-manual, 59 rank 1967 Möller, Opus 10260. The weekend will conclude with Jacobs performing a solo recital on Sunday, October 2 at 4pm at First Methodist Charlotte. The recital will be underwritten by the Kathryn Stephenson Pipe Organ Foundation in honor of the instrument’s 55th anniversary. Ticket prices for these events will be announced.

We thank you for your past and ongoing support of this unique instrument, and we look forward to continued mission and artistic opportunities.

Well wishes,

Don Kaufhold

Chair

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