

## Minutes -- Chapel Organ Committee

Meeting 4 - November 15, 1986, 7 p.m.

1. Present: J. Tiefel, chrmn; P. Manthey; A. Panning; D. Valleskey, sec; E. Meyer, retained as consultant by resolution of the Seminary Board of Control, October 2, 1986
2. Purpose: To meet with E. Meyer to establish procedures toward determining the specifications of the chapel organ and the builder of the organ. Prof. Meyer had prepared an outline entitled, "Steps in Acquiring a New Pipe Organ for the Seminary Chapel" (green sheet attached), which served as the agenda for the meeting
3. Basic considerations
  - a. Placement
    - 1) It was agreed by all that the rear wall of the chapel is the proper placement, which will necessitate the removal of at least one row of pews on each side and possibly a second or 1/2 of a second row, plus removal of a radiator
    - 2) Would removal of chapel ceiling enhance the sound? Meyer responded that he does not think that it would make that much of a difference; but it was agreed that Chrm. Tiefel will contact acoustical engineer Scott Riedel to get a professional opinion (a meeting with Riedel was subsequently set for Tues., Dec. 9, 2 p.m.; Tiefel, Valleskey, Riedel in attendance). Meyer will proceed on the assumption that the ceiling will remain as is
  - b. Size: Cf three attached sheets numbered 1, 2 and 3, for description of three organs described by Meyer as "eclectic instruments with a German Lutheran slant" that would fit the needs of the Seminary
    - 1) Meyer estimates that the cost of the organ will be c. \$9,000 per voice for a tracker organ; perhaps \$8,500 a voice with electro-magnetic action (assuming the same casing as the tracker organ)
    - 2) Agreed to go with the 15 voice #3 rather than the 20 and 21 voice #1 and 2 at an estimated cost of \$144,000 (\$135,000 if the 4' Spillfloete on the Great is eliminated)
  - c. Design
    - 1) Action: tracker (but cf attached "Interview with Robert Noehren" distributed by Tiefel which questions the wisdom of going with tracker organs)
    - 2) Stoplist: cf. attached #3
    - 3) Budget: c. \$135,000-144,000
    - 4) Encasement and facade: Yes
    - 5) Accessories: possibly an adjustable bench @ c. \$900 and some pre-sets

4. Builder

a. Meyer recommended sending the specifications to three builders for bids: Casavant of St. Hyacinth, Quebec; Dobson of Lake City, Iowa; Schlicker of Buffalo, N.Y. To this list was added Taylor and Boody of Staunton, VA.

1) Casavant

a) organs at St. John's, Wauwatos<sup>is</sup>; DMLC; St. John's, Jefferson

b) builds c. 20 organs per year

2) Dobson

a) organs at Brillion; Neenah (ALC)

b) builds c. 3,4 organs a year

3) Schlicker

a) organs at WISCO, NWC; soon at WLC

b. Meyer will send the specifications to each of the above four builders with the intention of having bids back in time for our next meeting

5. Next meeting date: Wednesday, December 17, 1:30 p.m.