

Report of the Chapel Organ Committee

to the

BOARD OF CONTROL

October 6, 1988

In the spring of 1986 the Board of Control approved recommendations from the Seminary faculty which proposed that a thankoffering which would be gathered on the occasion of the Seminary's 125th anniversary be designated for a new pipe organ in the Seminary chapel. Subsequently, the Board authorized the retaining of an organ consultant (Dr. Edward H. Meyer) and the letting of bids to reputable organ builders. In January, 1987, the Organ Committee recommended that the Board accept a bid of \$146,000 from the firm of Lynn Dobson Organ Company of Lake City, IA. Because the anniversary thankoffering had not yet begun and because the Board was reluctant to sign any contract without a commitment of income, the Board did not accept the recommendation at that time.

Since that meeting, the anniversary offering has been gathered. Several sources of income allow the organ fund to stand presently with a balance of \$99,500.

The sources were:

1. the existing organ fund
2. a gift from the AAL of \$25,000
3. monies from the anniversary thankoffering (appr. \$40,000)
4. gifts from the Seminary Chorus
5. special gifts to the Seminary in excess of \$100

It must be understood, however, that 18 months have passed since the Dobson Co. gave us the quote of \$146,000. We estimate the following to be the present expenses to complete the project:

1. the organ itself: \$156,000 (7% increase from January, 1987)
2. consultant's fee: \$5,000 (3% of organ cost plus expenses)
3. chapel remodeling: \$4,000

We are estimating that the total cost of installing the new organ will approach \$165,000. This compares with a total of \$156,000 which we suggested in January, 1986.

We are left with a need for approximately \$65,500 to complete the project.

We do, however, anticipate some income during the next several years.

1. the sale of the present organ: \$3,000
2. income from choir offerings: \$2,000
3. interest income from the organ fund principal: \$6,000
4. income from gifts to the Seminary over \$100: \$25,000

Adding these amounts puts us within \$29,000 of the total costs to complete the project.

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The committee is of the opinion that there are several legitimate avenues open whereby additional income might be secured.

1. seeking several major gifts from WELS members
2. the inclusion of the organ fund balance in an article in Focus On Worship and in the Northwestern Lutheran on the arts in corporate worship
3. inter-fund borrowing (with payback from chorus and concert offerings and gifts to the organ fund)
4. a letter to WELS pastors seeking additional member gifts

With the above-mentioned information and report, the organ committee seeks your approval of the following recommendations:

1. That the Organ Committee be authorized to seek a firm bid from the Dobson Organ Company on the basis of final organ specifications.
2. That the Board's Executive Committee be authorized to sign a contract with the Dobson Organ Company with these stipulations:
 - aa. that the chapel is in a condition to receive the new organ;
 - bb. that the new bid is in line with committee estimates;
 - cc. that the funding possibilities seem viable to the executive committee.

The Organ Committee does not feel that the signing of the contract should be delayed. As it is, the instrument will not be installed before at least January of 1990. Inflation and public perceptions must be considered in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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David Valleskey
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ORGAN FUND

Balance as of June 30, 1987		\$34,923.71
General Additions		13,218.01
AAL		25,000.00
Anniversary Gifts -		
467 Ranged 0 to 25	6,200.07	
73 Ranged 26 to 50	2,919.73	
91 Ranged 51 to 100	7,150.04	
64 Ranged 101 to 200	9,102.62	
17 Ranged 201 to 300	4,318.44	
14 Ranged 301 to 500	6,218.50	
5 Ranged 501 to 999	3,882.07	
5 Ranged 1,000 to 1,421	<u>5,421.00</u>	
		<u>45,212.47</u>
		118,354.19
Less Anniversary Expenses		<u>(18,817.38)</u>
Balance as of October 4, 1988		<u>\$99,536.81</u>

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