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Minutes--Chapel Organ Committee

February 11, 1989

1. Present: James Tiefel, chrmn; Paul Manthey; David Valleskey, sec.; Dr. Edward Meyer, consultant
2. Reviewed progress to date (document entitled "Background Information" compiled by Dr. Meyer attached)
3. Dr. Meyer presented specifications that were let out for bid (copy attached, dated 12/22/88). It was noted that these specifications included the addition of two stops (#17 & 18): a 16' Pommer on the Great and a Krummhorn.
4. Eight companies were contacted by Dr. Meyer (cf attached documents for further detail). All of these companies are headed by young organ builders, i.e., in their 30s and 40s, with the exception of Casavant.
 - 1) Berghaus: no bid submitted
 - 2) M.L. Bigelow: \$185,000 for 18 stops
163,750 for 16 stops

+lodging and meals for workmen during construction

Bigelow is a devout Mormon, educated at Brigham Young; builds his organs in a former stake house
 - 3) Casavant: \$213,850 (unknown if bidding on 16 or 18 stops)
 - 4) Dobson: \$206,700 for 18 stops
184,000 for 16 stops
 - 5) Gariel Kney (Nay): \$193,000 + shipping charges
(c. \$2000-3000) - An estimate only
 - 6) Martin Ott: \$178,650 for 20 stops
168,350 for 19 stops
158,950 for 18 stops

Ott is German-trained (through an apprentice program). Father worked for Giesicke, organ pipe builder in Germany. Martin Ott formerly worked for Casavant.
 - 7) Schlicker: \$227,500 18 for stops
203,425 16 for stops
 - 8) Visser-Rowland: \$269,440 for 18 stops
254,000 for 17 stops
4-year delivery time
5. Recommendation that a contract be signed with Martin Ott, provided that all the details can be worked out upon a meeting with him and the committee. Tiefel will make a trip to St. Louis to talk with Ott and take a look at his operations.
6. Second choice, if a full understanding cannot be worked out with Ott, is Lynn Dobson

David J. Valleskey