

## Dean's Message for January, 2017



2017. Can it be? As I get older the years seem to fly by more quickly. And this Chapter year (July – June is certainly moving along at a rapid pace.

Chapter membership is remaining relatively steady with paid memberships at 86. This past autumn we conducted a mail membership campaign promoting a six-month free trial membership. As a result, we gained a few new paid memberships and one person has decided to take advantage of the free membership.

We have to keep in mind, though, that the most effective way to gain new members is to invite and bring prospective members to our meetings.

As of December 15 our treasury balance was \$13,635.44.

Our website continues to be an effective means of communication, especially the events area. One of the popular new features is the link to Google maps that provides directions to event sites.

During the week of December 5-11, 2016, the website had 127 visits. Most of these visits were from folks in Florida, but there were visits from as far away as Kansas, California, Canada, China and Germany.

Our first two Chapter events were well attended. The September theatre organ program was enjoyed by all. The October choral reading session, presented by members, attracted a large number of singers. Everyone left with a number of useful anthems to be used in the future.

Coming up this month is a recital by Jeremy Filsell at St Boniface Episcopal Church on Friday, January 13. And on Thursday January 12 you have an opportunity to have lunch with Mr Filsell. You don't want to miss these!

During January the nominating committee will be putting together a slate of officers and board members to serve the following year. If contacted, we hope that you will agree to serve your Chapter. We continue to provide educational and cultural events to are church musicians and friends only because of the willingness of our membership to assume leadership roles.

Happy New Year,  
Dwane