

Plymouth Organ Committee Minutes
October 30, 2023 2:00 PM

Members Present: David Bergeron, Johannah Cox, Merilee Dymacek, Don Johnston, Helen Martin, Janice Nicklaus

Staff Present: Kim Manz

At our last meeting committee members shared “overview” information they had gathered from 13 pipe organ companies located across the country. Through deliberation, including discussion points below, the committee narrowed the list to companies for further consideration. The committee also knew that more detailed information was needed from companies to determine those that might be a good fit for Plymouth. The group felt that Kim is the only individual with the expertise and experience to have those more in-depth conversations with representatives from companies. Since our last meeting, Kim was able to reach some of the organ companies to gain necessary additional information. After Kim has contacted the remaining companies of interest and shared their responses, the committee will further narrow the list for deeper and detailed conversations regarding the organ project at Plymouth.

Considerations discussed included:

- Distance of companies from Lawrence, noting shipping and travel costs etc.
- Information about organ projects, past, current, and future (availability to work with Plymouth)
- Reputations of companies and instruments manufactured, including some locations where instruments have been installed.
- Attributes of instruments we had traveled to hear in the past. (Pros and cons)
- Availability and implications for time frame/s for completing a project.
- Scope of projects – new instrument, replacement, rebuild or refurbish.

Once Kim has been able to contact and acquire information from the remaining companies, he will determine a meeting date and share the information with the committee.