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Church Of St. John the Divine
1611 Quadra St.
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Att. John McVie, Organ Committee chair

Thanks for meeting with me to discuss the 1961 Casavant Pipe Organ in St. John the Divine. These items were discussed and prioritized as follows:-

To do now-

1. Replace swell louvre actuator with a new electric unit. The cost, fully installed, should be approximately \$3000.00. (A donor has offered to contribute \$1000.00 provided matching grants are offered to a total of \$3000.00.)
2. Cleaning of the tops of the wind chests and the pipes is absolutely necessary, starting with the Great and Choir Divisions which are the most exposed. Cost estimates on request.
3. Over the next 1-2 years, releather the note actions of the Great and Choir divisions, 4 chests in all. 1159 pipe valves; 244 primary valves (The 2 Swell chests have already been done.)
4. In 2-3 years, releather the Pedal chest and the individual off chests for the bass notes. 364 pedal pipe valves. We have done repairs previously as units have failed and caused silent notes.
5. Future work would involve the electrical controls in the console and the pipe chambers. The 55 year old console (keyboard controls) is dated, heavily used and worn. This unit should be replaced with modern electrical controls (no air operated components) and thus achieve the ability to move the console. Refurbished ivory keys (4 manuals); pedal board refinished. New multiple memory stop controls and pistons would upgrade the assists for the player, bringing the controls closer to modern standards- expected by the organist and recitalists.

We estimate the current replacement value of the instrument to be \$1.6 million and advise insuring it for this amount.

Grant Smalley