



Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus Board Meeting Minutes January 20, 2019

Location: Unitarian Church of Harrisburg

Attending: Kyle Junk, Doug Wentz, Steve Creps-Rougeau, Ted Neal, Marlene Kanuck, Tom Lynes, Robb Papapietro

Absent: Bill Sprout, Bob Reisch, Adam Gustafson

- 1) **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by President Kyle Junk.
- 2) **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:**
 - New Business – Potential Social Event, Gay Men's Chorus of D.C. program
 - New Business – Composer Joshua Shank trip to Harrisburg
- 3) **Approval of November 18th Meeting Minutes**
 - Approval of the September minutes was proposed by Steve and seconded by Robb with all voting in favor, apart from Ted as Secretary and Marlene who abstained.
- 4) **Treasurer Report**
 - Refer to following documents:
 - HGMC Balance Sheet 2019-01-20
 - HGMC P&L by month 2019-01-20
 - HGMC P&L Detail 2019-01-20
 - HGMC Treasurer Report for 2019-01-20
 - HGMC P&L by Event 2019-01-20
 - Finance Committee Annual Campaign Donor Summary Registry 2019-01-20
 - All voted in favor of the acceptance of the report apart from Steve as treasurer who abstained.
- 5) **Reports**
 - **President:**
 - N/A
 - **Vice President:**
 - Refer to VicePresidents Report – January 2019
 - **Secretary:**
 - N/A
 - **Artistic Director/Production Committee:**
 - Refer to Artistic Director Report – January 2019

- **Committees:**

- **Finance:**

- Refer to HGMC Finance Committee Report 2019-01-20
 - Ted noted from the Grants report that The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) would like to see copies of all our publicity that refers to them or contains their logo. Doug will send PDFs of our upcoming poster/postcard and playbill to Ted to forward to them.

- **Publicity:**

- Refer to PR Report – January 2019

- **IT:**

- Refer to IT_01_20_2019

6) **Executive Session** – This is an off-the-record portion of the meeting where board members can speak freely about their concerns. No official business is decided.

7) **Unfinished Business**

- **2018 Winter Concert Recap.**

- The consensus was that the concert season was a great success. There was record attendance, and a considerable increase from last year. Changing venues in Cumberland County was discussed due to the Unity Church having run out of seating and parking spaces due to the size of the crowd. Marlene suggested Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church where the CPWC* has performed.

- **Open Auditions (Jan 21, 28)**

- Everything is prepared. This item will be closed.

- **2019 Spring Concert Season.**

- The music has all been received. The singers will receive all their music in a spiral binder, as the concert will consist of one oratorio.
 - Doug has reached out to the Central PA Pride Festival, the LGBT Center, and Alder Health to assist HGMC* in publicizing the concerts. He is planning to contact the Midtown Scholar as well, with the possibility of tying in an appearance by the composer of the “Two Boys Kissing” score, Joshua Shank. (See New Business).
 - Robb will contact Amy Kehm from ABC 27 concerning possible publicity and television exposure.
 - Tom suggested that HGMC prepare presentations for gay-friendly churches and other area choruses to publicize the concerts. Preparation would include talking points for the presenter(s), as well as hand-outs such as flyers or refrigerator magnets. Adam will be asked to help with the talking points.
 - Steve mentioned a potential problem with an overall lack of concert seating, and suggested either adding an additional venue, or replacing Unitarian Church of Harrisburg with a larger space. An additional venue would depend on the availability of Adam and the orchestra members.
 - A subcommittee including Doug, Tom, and Bob will detail the venue and presentation issues with the help of the Production Committee. Steve noted that the venues need to be settled before the presentations can be finalized.

- **Valentine’s Fundraiser (February 10)**

- Posters and post cards are ready for distribution at the January 21 rehearsal.

- Steve has solicited Chris Aubach to head up the effort. Marlene agreed to work the door.
- **Voices United 2019**
 - Difficulties facing HGMC's participation in the 2019 Voices were discussed. Member participation has been decreasing, and the difficulty of extracting standalone numbers from "Two Boys Kissing" to perform could require extra HGMC rehearsals in order to participate.
 - It was decided that the number of members committed to performing the group participation numbers and/or learning new HGMC numbers needs to be determined before making a decision on our degree of participation. Members will be provided with an online sign-up sheet to commit to performing or to document their decision not to perform before the February board meeting, to help the board make a decision.
 - Potential options include the following, but could also be modified as a result of member response:
 - Participate as usual. HGMC will handle the finances of Voices United and find someone from HGMC to co-ordinate their effort. HGMC will learn new numbers and participate in group numbers. Someone would be needed to direct the rehearsals due to Adam's unavailability.
 - HGMC will learn new numbers, but not perform individual numbers at Voices United. Someone would be needed to be found to direct the rehearsals. HGMC's role in sponsoring the concert will need to be determined.
 - HGMC will participate in group numbers, but will not perform any individual numbers, and HGMC's role in sponsoring the concert will be limited.
 - HGMC will forgo participating in Voices United for 2019.
- **Sharing Our Caring**
 - This year's event will be on Monday April 8th. It was agreed to use the same menu as last year, as it was well received, but to adjust the quantities. The exact times have yet to be determined. HGMC will not perform this year due to the difficulty of extracting something from "Two Boys Kissing."
- **Bylaws Rewrite.**
 - Tabled.

8) New Business

- **KIK Phone App – 2-way Chorus Communication.**
 - As Bill has been absent, Doug will investigate potential phone apps to use in addition to KIK.
- **2018 Internal Audit.**
 - Kyle will ask the 2017 auditor to perform the 2018 audit.
- **2019-2020 Season.**
 - It was agreed that planning should begin in February, with the finalization of concert dates to occur first.
- **Potential Social Event, Gay Men's Chorus of D.C. program.**
 - Tom noted that a performance of Stud Terkel's "Working" in Washington D.C. would be an event that might interest many. It turns out, however, that the performance is Sunday February 10, which clashes with the Valentine's fundraiser. There is a February 9th evening performance as well, but it was generally agreed that this would run later into the evening than many would like.
- **Composer Joshua Shank Trip to Harrisburg**

- See the AD Report.
- Doug noted that if Mr. Shank does come to Harrisburg, HGMC would be expected to pay travel expenses, and assist in arranging any potential related events.

9) Next Board Meeting: Sunday February 17, 7:00 PM at Unitarian Church of Harrisburg.

10) Adjournment: Adjournment was proposed at 8:53 PM by Robb and seconded by Ted with all voting in favor.

*Abbreviations: HGMC - Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus, CPWC – Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus

Respectfully submitted by Ted Neal, Secretary.