LOCATION: Unitarian Universalist Church, 1280 Clover Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17113

ATTENDING: Robb Papapietro, Eric Laumer, Marlene Kanuck, Jose Venereo, Bob Eisenhour, Jeff Mitchell, Paul Foltz.

ABSENT: Bill Kennedy GUESTS: None

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1. Call to Order: Jeff Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. Agenda Revisions: Eric Laumer moved to add Bob Eisenhour to the list of required attendees, motion 2nded, motion unanimously approved.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Jeff Mitchell to approve minutes from annual meeting – no additions/deletions. Bob Nease 2nd, motion unanimously approved.
4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

* Jeff offered a thank you to Paul for 4 years of excellent, committed and passionate service. A transition plan has been designed by Paul and given to Jeff as he begins his tenure.
* GALA – new thoughts? Thanks to Paul, Steve and David for Gala work this year.

Discussion:

* + 1. Files on Musetta were given a favorable report by Robb.
    2. Bob E. suggested an individual savings account for future GALA travel – we should encourage the membership to do this.
    3. Bob N. noted that fundraising is credited to each individual participant, but also pays for the director and accompanist.
    4. Paul added that individual accounts add a sense of ownership beforehand.
    5. Jose: by managing the funds that way, the separate choruses are more accessible?
    6. Jeff to annotate to the chorus at rehearsal on the 17th.
    7. Bob N. – Farm Show is only 4 shows.
    8. Eric – how deep are we willing to support individual GALA savings – just recommending, or offering the members a product/process?
    9. Paul - $2000 allotted for GALA already – we need to remember there are separate sources of funding, and there is the Possibility of adding additional shows.
* For all future meetings, it is expected by the Board for Directors to report and attend on time.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT – No report.

TREASURER’S REPORT

* Robb stated that costs of the music for Voices United were added by hand to his charts, all previous data run was assisted by Steve Creps. Voices United: $580.44 + 222.45, net income of $157.11. The balance goes to Pride. New music cost was a requested piece by Victor – originally thought to be a donation. In the past, efforts made to use music already owned. In the future, communications to be mindful of cost for new music. Increasing ticket sales could offset. Ticket as donation? Two way street. “Tickets start at x – consider donating more”. Internal promotion should be increased.
  + Jose: Perhaps more church promotion? G/L Coalition involvement by Bob N. (Conference call with Eve Campbell from workshop at Gala)
  + Bob E. HGMC has always funded Voice United (the only chorus to do so), could the other choruses be more involved potentially buy their own music?
  + Paul – could be awkward, perhaps – if we go into the red, could the other choruses help take the hit?
  + \*\*Robb to research where Victor’s music was purchased from.
* Steve has been paid $3000, another $4,500 is due him. Perhaps another $100 in smaller receipts due. Possible in Quicken to run a separate A/P with Steve’s full outstanding balance.
* Discussion from Robb to change banks. He would prefer Members 1st or PSECU as they are credit unions. No formal motion on the floor to change. Report next meeting. Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report made by Bob E., Bob N 2nds. Motion carried with 1 abstention.

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR’S REPORT – no report.

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE – no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Discussion:

* + Jeff to ask Kevin W. for 25th Anniversary concert if he has contacts at the TV stations.
  + Also – Facebook presence ?? Marlene feels that would be very successful – wine/cheese meeting for the Center was very successfulby using this venue to organize. Louie Marven runs those promotions. Open House for the Chorus?? Jeff to be in touch with LM.

PRODUCTION COMMITTEE:

* Paul Foltz: This committee has traditionally met the 1st Wed. of the month, however that that is changing to the 2nd Wednesday – EL to re-schedule in Musetta calendar. Time: 5:30. This month’s meeting will convene at the Production Center.

CONDUCTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

* Paul Foltz: Search to re-launch in Oct. 2012. Three new resumes have been received, 2 would be very good in Paul’s opinion. Goal is to have the issue settled by Spring.

1. OLD BUSINESS

* Mannerchor contract JM to give to EL to file.
* UU contract given this date to JM for signature
* Chorus concerns – respect anonymity
* DUES - Jeff Mitchell – proposes new procedure for late dues payment, two weeks prior to annual meeting, Treasurer to report to President. OR monthly report from Treasurer to President at Board meetings which members are behind. Robb needs to know who is on scholarship. Can this be reported on Musetta? Currently private. Treasurer has the capability to set up any manner of payment plan desired.

1. NEW BUSINESS

* 2012-2013 GOALS:
  + Jeff - small group of members organized to do business outreach. Perhaps the formation of a new committee (Outreach?)
  + Bob N.: Coalition w/other choruses for additional concert attendance (Womyn, Lehigh valley (cabaret), New Jersey). Men should attend the Womyn’s chorus performances more, there is an imbalance. Discounts (1/2 price?) for members of the other choruses? GALA Choruses reciprocity agreement imminent.
* COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
  + Addition of Bob E. to Production committee, Joe Cherry (refreshments)?
  + Finance and Fundraising Committees will be recombined.
  + Bob N. to continue running Farm Show fundraising function.
  + Steve Creps stepping out of heading either Finance or Fundraising committee.
  + Need a head count of other fundraising committees (Annual Campaign) Bob N. possibly interested in co-chairing with others (Marlene, Jose?) (Wine/Cheese event, Silent Auction, etc.)
  + As part of the Annual Campaign - Annual Donor’s contact needed – chorus to be asked if they have a contact at these donors.
  + Marlene attempting to contact her contacts at Highmark for sponsorship opportunities.

1. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATES

Jeff moved to adopt the dates as proposed on the meeting agenda. Bob E. 2nds. Motion carried anonymously. Next meeting is Oct. 21st at UU.

1. ADJOURNMENT

Robb moves to adjourn, Bob E. 2nds, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.