

Presidents Report Sept. 2013

GOOD NEWS: We have been awarded a \$1000.+ Grant from the PA. Council on the Arts for our Spring Concert. I will supply the approved Grant Budget when I receive the exact Grant Figure and details from Melissa Snyder at Jump Street.

→ Connected to Spring Concert

(Waiting on formula as of 9-22-2013)

LGBT YOUTH OUTREACH: I have contacted staff at Middletown, Carlisle and Mechanicsburg High Schools as well as Louie Marven at the LGBT Center to promote the opportunity for teens to sing with us at the Winter Concert. They will be at three rehearsals starting October 21.

Don Schade?

*Gettysburg
*CASA?
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Annual Campaign: Ron Livingston, David Payne, Paul Foltz and I (the ONLY Board Member FYI) helped stuff envelopes for the Annual Campaign on Sunday Sept. 15. I know Terry will work diligently at meeting the goals he's set for the Annual Campaign. Let's support his efforts in any way we can.

Attendance Policy: Eric, Jordan, Paul and I met on Sept. 9 to discuss issues for the coming season. We will be enforcing the attendance policy. Eric will be helping keep track of absences on the roster. Jordan will be responsible for talking with people who break the attendance policy. Jordan may audition any singers with more than one unexcused absence.

Welcome New Treasurer: Kevin Wagner has made a smooth transition into the role of HGMC Treasurer. Kevin met with Robb Papapietro and I on Thursday Sept. 5th to transfer the Check Book and touch base on any outstanding Treasury issues.

Kevin has contacted two of our members who still owe the Chorus money from the previous Gala. These members owe \$426. And \$380. Respectively. Kevin has suggested monthly payment plans for these members until their debt is paid off. It is my recommendation that these monies go back into our Gala Saving Account.

These outstanding debts occurred after Steve Crepes paid for Chorus Members individual Gala expenses on his credit card for the convenience of the chorus. The HGMC reimbursed Steve for the amount on his card and Chorus Members were then given invoices to pay back what they individually owed the HGMC.

The HGMC should NOT be loaning any money to fund individual member trips to future Gala Events. We will go over more specifics of the Gala Savings plan in the October Board Meeting Agenda. I will plan to address the membership about future plans for Gala in a "News and Notes" break session sometime after the October Board Meeting.

Reminders about dues policy: It is Board Policy that dues issues should remain confidential at the request of members and the discretion of the President and Treasurer. Members need to speak to the Treasurer or President about dues issues.

Woofstock is Sept. 29. Wayne Minich has generously volunteered to donate his time and talent (and tent). Wayne and I will be manning a booth to promote the HGMC and earn money for the Chorus and local Central PA. Animal Alliance.

John Folby has been in contact with Robb Papapietro and is planning on helping sell tickets to the Nov. Fundraiser and our December Concert. He is also helping us via a raffle he is organizing as well as helping with refreshments for our Dec. Concert. John has also gotten some free publicity for us. Editor Barry Loveland has agreed to add the upcoming HGMC and Womyn's Chorus events and performances to his monthly LGBT Central PA History Project Newsletter. John has been in contact with Frank Pizzoli for us about featuring a story on Jordan for the Dec. Voice.

Thanks to Paul Foltz for getting the Raffle baskets to Raffle winners after PRIDE in July. One Raffle Basket is unclaimed. → *Pick another winner.*

Our first of two **PAY THE RENT services will be Sunday October 13**, National Coming Out Day at the Market Street UU Church. 11AM Service, 10:15AM call.

Adam Gustafson has given our name to **Christian Chldzinski**. Christian is part of the Capital LGBT Alliance on campus at Penn State Harrisburg. Christian will be a contact for future outreach at PSUH.

Submitted by:

Jeff Mitchell, Sept. 17, 2013