

# **HGMC Presidents Report for November 2013**

*Respectfully submitted by Jeff Mitchell*

Thanks to arrangements made by **John Folby**, we were able to promote HGMC events at the **704 Lounge** on Friday, November 1 and 8, 2013. John Folby and I sold Condom Raffle Guesses and promoted the Halloween Dance Party event as well as our Winter Concert. **Bill Sprout** joined me on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Each night we stayed for three hours and did generate interest, but little in the way of actual sales. We sold under \$40. worth of (\$1.00 each) Condom Contest guesses. Bill did an impressive job with getting the Bar Patrons to come over and contribute. Without Bill's effort last Friday I doubt we'd have made any income, so many thanks to Bill Sprout!

Through communication on our web-site, **Kevin Wagner** put me in touch with the President and Marketing staff of the **Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus**. They are outreaching to area Chorus' to promote them in their Winter Program. I expressed to their Director (Joe Buches) that we would be interested in collaborating with them sometime in the future. They seemed receptive to that idea.

I dropped off our **Grant Award Agreement** contract at Jump Street on Thurs. November 7. Melissa Snyder says the checks are being processed and should be in our hands by this week. We must keep detailed records of all monies spent for the Spring Concert and make sure to **credit PPA** in all advertising for the Spring Concert. I have mailed the Grant Logo to be used in our Posters and Program to Kevin Wagner and Kevin Nield.

I attended the **Production Meeting** hosted by Committee Chair Paul Foltz on Nov.6 at 6:30 pm.

As **Co-Mentor with Paul Foltz**, we are working on getting feedback from the Chorus on **Jordan Markham's role as AD** for the first half of his provisional contract with the HGMC. We will have a letter out to the Chorus later this week scheduling a meeting for all Chorus Members the Monday following our Dec. 8 Concert. (Meeting will be scheduled for Monday, Dec. 9 at 7pm). The meeting

will be a forum to provide written and verbal feedback to present to the Board at our December 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

Kudos to **Eddie Diel** for organizing what turned out to be a very successful first time out for the **Halloween Dance Party Fundraiser**. Many thanks to **Jefferson Rougeau** for his amazing work designing for our space at the Mannerchor and **Kelly McEntee, John Folby** and all others who donated food as well as the **many HGMC friends and members** who helped out in a variety of ways to make the Fundraiser a success.

Our Performance at **FAB on Nov. 9** was a mutually beneficial opportunity for us to work with our Sister Chorus the CPWC. The venue was not adequately suited for us, but we did make a positive impression on the LGBT community. We earned \$250. For this engagement.