

# **HGMC Presidents Report for December 2013**

***Respectfully submitted by Jeff Mitchell***

We survived the bad weather of our **Dec. 8 Concert** and even though attendance was understandably down due to the circumstances, I thought we put on a high quality show and the Chorus REALLY pulled together. I am continually grateful for our loyal membership and their dedication to the HGMC.

I sent a Thank You/Get Well card to our Fifth Section Member **Dan Lytle** who was hospitalized with severe influenza the evening before our Concert. Dan has been very generous with his contributions as snack provider this season and he plans to be an active Fifth Section Member in the spring.

**John Folby** (unofficial Fifth Section Chair) also did an amazing job with fundraising for us through the **Gift Basket Raffle** and Condom Guessing Fundraiser. John put together the Baskets and sold tickets for them at our Lancaster Preview Concert and our Winter Whirl Concert. I transported John and the Baskets to Lancaster and have notified the winners.

John also donated cheesecakes and a homemade cranberry topping for the cheesecakes. John Folby gets credit for making the Winter Whirl concert especially memorable! John was also responsible for our free coffee service from Starbucks! MANY THANKS!!!

On **Monday the 9<sup>th</sup>** I met with the Chorus to discuss the **evaluation of our Provisional AD Jordan Markham**. Chorus surveys have been collected from that meeting. **Paul Foltz, Eddie Diel** and myself took a preliminary look at the surveys immediately after the meeting. Paul Foltz will share results of the surveys at the Board meeting Sunday, Dec. 15.

**Kelly McEntee** brought to my attention that the Board should have had some discussion about the **exact questioning used for the survey** and that perhaps the survey should have been approved by the board before being submitted. Kelly does have a very valid point, and I will take responsibility for not bringing the specific survey to the attention of the Board before including it in the concert program. My memory is that it was understood by the Board that Paul Foltz and I would evaluate Jordan Markham's performance (as the AD Mentor Committee)

based on our observations and experience with Jordan ALONG WITH “feedback” from the Chorus and our audience. Perhaps a more formal process should be approved by the Board for future evaluations? I did state some of this process in my Presidents message for November, but I was not explicit about their being an audience survey.

I will give a verbal report (Along with Marlene Kanuck) about our collaboration with the CPWC for our co-hosting of the **Central PA. LGBT Chamber of Commerce** (taking place December 12). Many thanks to **Marlene Kanuck** for all the organizing she has done as Chair of this event.

Kudo’s again to **Terry Karanen** for the goals met in his HGMC Annual Campaign. Thank you to **Kelly McEntee** for assisting with The Annual Campaign. Terry also asked me to pass along how well we are doing in the greater scope of other Gala Choruses in regards to fundraising. (Based on a recent Movie Mondays segment he shared with me.) For our size, our Chorus is doing very well with our fundraising efforts and capabilities. Thankfully Terry was able to give the time and energy required to make the Campaign the success it turned out to be.

I have sent out personal Thank You notes to all contributors of the Annual Campaign. **Special Thank you to all Board Members** who were able to help financially with a contribution.

There will be discussion of **Spring Plans** based on the Chorus surveys we can address during “New Business”.

We need to discuss the plans for **Farmshow Fundraising** after January’s Farmshow event we are coordinating with the CPWC.

There have been concerns from Board Memebtrs and Committee Chairs about procedure changes for past **Board related Protocols** that need to be addressed:

1. E-mail blasts (fall under PR or Secretary)
2. Annual Campaign Season Ticket Holders (formerly done by Steve/Treasurer/Annual Campaign Guy)

I am happy to send out the Season Tickets for those contributors and have contacted Steve Crepes about getting those tickets to me.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to **Kevin Wagner** for addressing issues with our **Non-Profit Tax filing status**. We were endanger of losing non-profit status for not filing last year. Kevin has addressed this issue with the IRS and we are again in good standing.

Kevin submitted a report about our **GALA status/plans** at the last Board Meeting. I would like to discuss that as a Board again to refresh myself before presenting plans to the Chorus ASAP.