

Presidents Report for April 27, 2014

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Mitchell

To memorize or not to memorize, that is the question. The system we are working with for getting memorization accomplished is NOT WORKING. Some of the problems can be addressed and changed, others cannot. I am meeting with the AD and Production Chair after the concert season to re-evaluate this subject. I am getting feedback from the Chorus on this issue, it appears we need to revise the expectation of memorization which will provide a less stressful rehearsal season and also hopefully entice some old members back into the fold.

We also need to get feedback from the Chorus on their satisfaction with Adam as our A.D. I have not heard any negative feedback about Adam's performance as AD thus far. I am in support of continuing with Adam as our permanent AD. Adam has shown tremendous leadership along with the talent and ability we need for the AD position. Adam has arranged several pieces for the Chorus, saving us the expense of ordering more music. Adam is the ONLY ONE who delivered students for our LGBT Youth Outreach. Adams connections at Penn State are providing an integral part of the entertainment for our Spring Concert, including the exceptional Puppeteers, and a musician as well as possible back stage help. I am confident our May 3/4 Concert will go extremely well, and I will invite Chorus members to have an evaluation of Adam at 7pm on Monday, May 12. at the UU Church.

I would like to propose paying the Puppeteers \$50. each for their help with the concert. This can come out of the PPA Grant Award. Payment for the Musician also comes out of that award.

(Related to a Chorus Concern:) In regards to the debt collection for our delinquent former Chorus Member; I want to reiterate that we gave the delinquent member more than ample time to make good on his debt. The money was extended to him for Gala in Spring of 2012. He had a full year on the Board where he never said a word about repaying his debt, even though the subject was brought up in his presence at Board Meetings on several occasions. In the fall of 2013, MORE than a year after money was loaned to him and long BEFORE his current crisis the current Treasurer for the HGMC along with myself, extended 6 outreach opportunities, 2 via phone, 2 via text and 2 via e-mail, for him to begin a conversation about his debt. All that was needed was an acknowledgement of some sort. However, the Delinquent Member chose to ignore all FRIENDLY attempts at outreach in this matter. The Board Voted to begin debt collection in the fall of 2013. The HGMC Treasurer has only been doing the job we have asked him to do in regards to the debt collection, showing his sense of dedication and responsibility to the Chorus.

The Financial Analysis has been completed by Michael Jeffrey and Chorus Member Bob Eisenhour. Neither report finds egregious error with our books. Mr. Jeffrey's report notes sound practical management style being utilized by our current treasurer Kevin Wagner.

I attended the April 16th LGBT Chamber Mixer to personally thank David Snook of MX2 Design for providing the desserts for our NJ Concert Reception. Robb Pappapietro, Eddie Diel and Bob Eisenhower also attended that event.

Eric Laumer and I have done some further investigating of other options for an on-line storage data base for the Chorus. Choralize has been showing some "red flags" in our communication with them. Further investigation is warranted before deciding on any changes.

Terry Karanen reminded me about using Spring Tax season as another fundraising opportunity for the HGMC. I propose that next year PR and the Annual Campaign Chair work together on a possible idea for using tax rebates as HGMC donation funds. Terry suggested adding info. to the promotional post cards that go out to promote the spring concert. We could also promote it on our Web-page and Face Book page.

I have secured Friday Jan. 30, 2015 as the date for the HGMC's premier concert in York PA. Rev. Amy Schultz of the UCC Church in York (47 W. Philadelphia St.) has invited us to perform an encore of our Winter Concert "Lessons From Carole" as a tie in with an LGBT Celebration their Church is holding. They will provide all the promotional material for advertising of this concert. We have tentatively scheduled future concerts at this venue and will discuss ticket sales to make this a future money making event for the HGMC.

I will organize PRIDE booth sign-up before the June Board Meeting.

It is my intention to run for a second term as President of the HGMC. The Secretary position is also up for re-election as well as Member at Large (Marlene Kanuck) and I believe also Member at Large (Kelly McEntee). It is my hope that those not running again will generate interest in others filling their spots on the election ballot.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

May 2&3 Spring Concert at Krevsky

May 9, Lavendar Graduation/Penn State

May 16-18 Fireman's Expo/LAST FARMSHOW EVENT of the season!

July 25 Voices United

July 26 Harrisburg Pride in the Park

Aug. 25 Annual Meeting/Start of the 14/15 Season

* Please submit all items for discussion in report form prior to the Sunday meeting.