

HGMC Annual Meeting GALA Festival 2020 Report

- GALA Choruses Festival 2020
 - Minneapolis, MN
 - July 4-8, 2020
 - Over 200 LGBT Choruses will be participating
 - <https://galachoruses.org/events/gala-festival>
- HGMC will participate/perform
 - 25 minute set from our spring 2020 concert
 - Day, time and venue to be determined
 - Possible additional community performance
 - Festival wide performance opportunities
 - HGMC individual members can participate as desired
 - Steve Creps is our Festival Liaison
- Registration
 - Deadline for early registration is October 31, 2019
 - \$275 full cost, \$175 for seniors
 - Deadline for regular registration is March 31, 2020
 - \$350 full cost, \$185 for seniors
 - Late registrations up to the time of the Festival
 - \$425 full cost, \$195 for seniors
 - HGMC plans to pay up to \$200 toward early or regular registration
 - Members responsible for \$75 of early registration or \$150 of regular registration, \$225 of late
 - Seniors will be responsible for \$75 of early registration, \$85 of regular registration, \$95 of late
 - Board plans to coordinate a sign-up night before a rehearsal in October to facilitate sign up
 - All registrations must be made online
 - If a registration is cancelled, refunds are payable to HGMC paid portion first.
 - Essentially \$75 is not refundable to member
 - We will coordinate to transfer registrations where feasible to another member
 - All registrations and cancellations should be coordinated with the HGMC treasurer
- Housing
 - Housing reservations will begin in the Winter
 - Multiple hotels
 - Average expected cost \$200/room/night
 - Expected 5 day stay
 - Hotels are listed on the website
 - Festival Liaison will coordinate rooms/roommates
 - Members can decide single/double/triple/quad
 - Higher occupancy – lower member cost
 - Board GALA committee will decide on which hotel we will try to use.
- Travel
 - Airfare to Minneapolis is expected to be in the \$350-500 range at this time.
 - Local transportation to hotel
- Meals
 - Recommended to plan on \$40/day, Individual costs will vary.

- Member budget
 - \$75 for registration – due by October 31 (or \$150 due by March 31)
 - \$500 for hotel – based on double occupancy x 5 night
 - \$250 for quad, or \$333 for Triple, \$1000 for single
 - \$500 for travel
 - \$200 for meals - \$40/day x 5 days
- Chorus financial support
 - HGMC plans to have about of \$12000 to help members with expenses, (GALA fund)
 - Could be higher if we have additional fundraising income by February
 - Based on 20 members attending that would cover an average of 50% of member costs
 - Chorus will be paying up to \$200 per member for registration from general fund
 - Distribution of funds will be based on the number of volunteer hours worked at Farm Show events
 - Hours are listed on groupanizer
 - Your percentage of funds will be your percentage of total hours worked
 - Total funds available will be determined by Board
 - Some funds will be retained by the Board for member assistance/scholarship
 - Funds in excess of total expenses for member
 - Funds for members who are not attending or no longer members
 - Funds reserved for emergency needs
 - Members who are not attending may gift their share to another member
 - Members may have friends work hours for their credit
 - 2019-2020 hours will count double toward the totals
 - Hours will end with the Outdoor Show in February
 - initial distributions will be determined by the March board meeting
 - Members share of distributed funds will not exceed actual expenses and can be applied to the following:
 - Maximum Travel reimbursement \$500
 - Maximum Hotel reimbursement – cost of double occupancy for 5 nights (roughly \$500)
 - Maximum meal reimbursement to be determined by board

Submitted to the Annual Meeting by Steven Creps, HGMC Treasurer, on August 5, 2019.