Presidents Report for: *November16, 2014*

BIG THANKS TO **VP Eddie Diel** for his organization and implementation of our **Halloween Dance Party Fundraiser**. Eddie has done a fantastic job building on the success and reputation of our past Fall and Spring fundraisers (also spearheaded by Mr. Diel) and this is our most successful fundraiser yet, very little overhead and BIG return!!!! Eddie also brought considerably more ticket buyers to this event than any other Chorus member***. Sincere and deep appreciation for all you are doing for the HGMC and our Board, Eddie!***

**Bill Sprout** brought to my attention that the **LGBT Chamber** has been asking about our **hosting another Chamber Mixer in late 2015/early 2016**. It would be ideal to do something late fall next year when we can use the opportunity to promote our Winter Concert (or spring 2016 promoting that concert)… I co-chaired this event in 2014 with Marlene Kanuck and the CPWC. There are lots of details that need to be worked out before we can propose any possible dates. Firstly, someone from the Board needs to volunteer to be the lead Chair for this event. Other things to consider:

* Venue (we can ask Paul Foltz about availability of Theatre Harrisburg)
* Catering (last time guys brought apps. Gals brought desserts and punch)
* We had more food than needed last time. Getting the food for Chorus members doubles the amount needed for chamber members.

**We are still in need of a new storage facility**. (All ideas welcome!/see rest of report)

We will do our first of two services for the UU’s at their downtown location on **Sunday March 1st.** I will try to schedule the other service for Clover Lane on the same day.

**Board Bio’s are due to Bill Sprout.** Bio’s will be posted on the website.

To echo Terry’s **Annual Campaign** Report I am disappointed we have not been able to increase sponsorship and corporate support for the HGMC through the Campaign. Ideas for how we can fix this next year?? Terry has agreed to run the Annual Campaign again next year and I am grateful he has agreed to take this on once again.

The password for **UU Boardroom wi-fi** (Thanks Bob N!) UCHconnect123

We have been approached by the **York Revolution Minor League Baseball** team to sing the National Anthem at a July game in 2015. Date TBA.

***The following is a repeat of my October Report, included for your courtesy due to cancelled meeting for October due to lack of quorum.***

**The Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts Renewal Grant** I applied for was successful. We have been awarded a $966. Grant. I have submitted the Grant Acceptance Paper Work and we should have the check within the month. We need to make sure to include PPA on our donor’s page and separately with their logo in our Program. They need to be featured prominently on our Spring Concert Poster.

To clarify some of our Sponsorship crediting policies, the "print advertising" for sponsors does not automatically include the posters for the season concerts. We will be taking the UU Church off our Posters as a sponsor but we will include a THANK YOU to them in our Annual Programs. This is to avoid promotional affiliation with a religious Organization.

**Sponsor Appreciation Wine & Cheese party:** I will speak to **Terry Karenen** on Thursday and get a number for **Marlene** **Kanuck** to approach Char’s Bellamondo to sponsor a party for us. **Bob Nease** will be our back-up plan to approach Mangi Qui.

I have not had any luck in finding an alternative for our **Storage Facility**. Many places in the area do offer free space to one or two Non-Profit organizations at a time, but all currently have those positions filled by other NP organizations. Capitol Self-Storage has us on a waiting list. I have also contacted Eastern PA Storage, Harrisburg Self Storage, Extra Space Storage, Sierras Glen storage, Trindle Self Storage and Carlisle Rent a Space. I will continue to contact other storage facilities in our area. Capitol Self-Storage can offer a discounted rate (cheaper than our current facility)…

**(Amended)** I am disappointed that some of our Board Members did make the Halloween Fundraiser. Other the Kevin Wagner, who had a professional obligation that day, all Board Members should have been in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mitchell