



## **Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus Board Meeting Minutes January 6, 2020**

**Location:** Unitarian Church of Harrisburg

**Attending:** Doug Wentz, Steve Creps-Rougeau, Ted Neal, Marlene Kanuck, Robb Papapietro, Chris Aulbach, John Compton

**Absent:** Kyle Junk, Seth Hammond, Kyle Weary

- 1) **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Vice President Doug Wentz.
- 2) **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:**
  - New Business – HGMC Archive at Dickinson College
- 3) **Approval of November 17th Meeting Minutes**
  - Approval of the minutes as was proposed by Robb and seconded by Chris with all voting in favor, apart from Ted as Secretary who abstained.
- 4) **Treasurer Report**
  - Refer to following documents:
    - HGMC Balance Sheet 2020-01-06
    - HGMC P&L by Month 2020-01-06
    - HGMC P&L Detail 2020-01-06
    - HGMC Treasurer Report for 2020-01-06
    - HGMC Winter 2019 Concert P&L
    - HGMC 2020 Detail Preliminary
  - Steve noted this year's Winter Concert income was down from 2018, but not as much as expected. The fact that many people were ill over the holidays was noted.
  - All voted in favor of the acceptance of the monthly report apart from Steve as treasurer who abstained.
- 5) **Reports**
  - **President:**
    - N/A
  - **Vice President:**
    - VicePresidents Report – January 2020
  - **Secretary:**
    - N/A
  - **Artistic Director/Production Committee:**

- Refer to document: ArtisticDirectorReport\_2020-01-06

- **Committees:**

- **Finance:**
  - Refer to HGMC Finance Committee Report 2020-01-06
- **Social and Community Outreach**
  - N/A
- **IT:**
  - N/A

6) **Executive Session** – This is an off-the-record portion of the meeting where board members can speak freely about their concerns. No official business is decided.

7) **Unfinished Business**

- **Music Cataloging.**
  - Ted reported that two cabinets are counted, indexed, and scanned. Doug has been lending a great deal of support to the effort. Ted expects to accelerate the effort after the January 15<sup>th</sup> PA Arts Grant request is submitted. (See below).
  - Doug noted there is still a great deal of music at the Unitarian Church. Transferring that will take additional space, which may be alleviated by cleaning up the storage unit. (See below).
- **Winter Concert Season Status.**
  - The consensus was that the concerts went very well. Issues will be discussed with Kyle W.
- **New Member Recruitment (Jan 20 & 27).**
  - Doug reported that he has been contacted by three prospective members. A concert attendee from Lancaster is interested as well.
  - Doug will bring cookies and Chris will bring water to the meet and greet rehearsals.
- **Farm Show Event – Great American Outdoor Show Feb 1-9.**
  - See Financial Committee report above.
  - It was agreed that it is important to have the schedule with sign-up sheets available by the first rehearsal.
- **Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra (HSO) Concert.**
  - The concert date is April 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - The rehearsals as well as the concert are tentatively scheduled at the PA Farm Show Complex.
  - The dress code has still to be announced.
  - We have received the music and the .mp3s for rehearsal.
- **GALA 2020 Status.**
  - Refer to document: HGMC GALA Report for 2020-01-06
  - Nothing additional to report this month.
- **Voices United 2020 (performance July 24).**
  - It should shortly be determined if the renovations to the sanctuary at Market Square Presbyterian Church will be completed in time for the concert to be held there.
  - The consensus was that Market Square Presbyterian Church is the preferable venue as opposed to Whitaker Center due to parking for participants and attendees.

## 8) New Business

- **Storage Unit Cleanup.**
  - Doug noted the existence of outdated computer equipment, redundant memorabilia, and unneeded (over seven years old) financial and organizational records.
  - It was agreed that two or three people should earmark items for removal.
  - It was noted that some of the memorabilia could be transferred to the future Dickinson Archive. (See below.).
- **Purchase of Filing Cabinets.**
  - Chris reported that the bank where he is employed is discarding multiple file cabinets, and we may be able to have them for nothing. He will investigate.
- **Grant Change - Project to Program (Jan 15).**
  - Ted reported on an offer received from the PA Arts Council to change our award from a project grant, which focuses on expenses for a concert series, to a program grant which is targeted to the organization in general. The downside is that the application for 2020 is due January 15. Ted will have assistance from Doug and Steve and expects to meet the deadline.
- **Valentine's Fundraiser (Feb 9).**
  - There was discussion concerning the parameters of who should perform in terms of quality and costumes. It was agreed that the hosts should be able to make judgements on this, but the board recommended that some non-drag performances be allowed if we don't have enough performers.
- **Sharing Our Caring Dinner/Rehearsal (Apr 13).**
  - It was agreed that someone should lead the effort this year.
- **Special Music Performance (Apr 19).**
  - This refers to our semi-annual "Pay the Rent" concert at the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg and is being noted for scheduling awareness only.
- **Spring 2020 Season (May 29-31).**
  - Robb noted that some members expressed concern that none of the three concerts are in Harrisburg. It was noted that there were only three dates available, and that our Middletown venue is close to Harrisburg.
- **Joint Concert with BMC.**
  - A specific season and date for this concert needs to be determined.
- **HGMC Archive at Dickinson College.**
  - Paul Foltz has been looking into the possibility of some of our memorabilia being transferred to Dickinson College under the auspices of the LGBT History Project. Paul is willing to oversee this effort but wants a go-ahead from the board.
  - Steve proposed, and Ted seconded a motion to approve this venture. All voted in favor.

9) **Next Board Meeting:** Sunday February 16th, 7:00 PM at Unitarian Church of Harrisburg.

10) **Adjournment:** Adjournment was proposed at 8:59 PM by Robb and seconded by Chris with all voting in favor.

\*Abbreviations: HGMC - Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus, CPWC – Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus

Respectfully submitted by Ted Neal, Secretary.