



Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus
Board Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2020

Location: Unitarian Church of Harrisburg

Attending: Kyle Junk, Doug Wentz, Steve Creps-Rougeau, Ted Neal, Marlene Kanuck, Robb Papapietro, Chris Aulbach, John Compton, Seth Hammond, Kyle Weary

Absent:

- 1) **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by President Kyle Junk.
- 2) **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:**
 - N/A
- 3) **Approval of January 6th Meeting Minutes**
 - Approval of the minutes as was proposed by Robb and seconded by Steve with all voting in favor, apart from Seth and Ted as Secretary who abstained.
- 4) **Treasurer Report**
 - Refer to following documents:
 - HGMC Balance Sheet 2020-02-23
 - HGMC P&L by Month 2020-02-23
 - HGMC P&L Detail 2020-02-23
 - HGMC Treasurer Report for 2020-02-23
 - Invoices for dues will be posted today.
 - Chris will contact Paul Foltz concerning getting the password for the Amazon Smile Email Account.
 - 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 – February 2020
 - **Secretary:**
 - N/A
 - **Artistic Director/Production Committee:**
 - Refer to document: ArtisticDirectorReport_2020-02-23

- **Committees:**
 - **Finance:**
 - N/A
 - **Publicity:**
 - Refer to document: PR-Marketing Report -February 2020
 - **Social and Community Outreach**
 - Chris is working on getting a movie night together at the Midtown Cinema in Harrisburg.
 - **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**

- **Storage Unit Cleanup.**
 - Doug noted progress has been made getting rid of some obvious trash and rearranging the space. Some archived material needs to be reviewed for historic value. Historic materials will be assigned to the Dickenson College LGBT Archive.
 - Steve moved, and Chris seconded a motion to allocate up to \$100 for any materials needed in the cleanup. All voted in favor.
- **Purchase of Filing Cabinets.**
 - A great deal of space has been reclaimed with the storage unit cleanup, but it was agreed that additional filing cabinets will be useful.
 - It's not known if the cabinets Chris is getting for free from his employer are designed for legal or letter sized documents, but either are adaptable.
- **Music Cataloging.**
 - Ted reported that three cabinets are counted, indexed, and scanned. Doug has been lending a great deal of support to the effort. Additional space has been cleared as part of the storage unit cleanup, and a collection of hanging folders were found.
 - Most of the boxes of music and the contents of the file cabinet at the church need to be added. It was also found that a large portion of the boxed music contains single copies.
- **Farm Show Event – Great American Outdoor Show Feb 1-9.**
 - Robb reported that all shifts were covered by one or two people. Total sales are estimated at \$61,000. We made \$1,700 in tips. He estimated our total take around \$8,000.
 - Ted noted that all Farm Show Hours from 2016 through this event are totaled by volunteer and have been uploaded to Groupinizer.
- **Valentine's Fundraiser (Feb 29).**
 - The event was rescheduled from Sunday February 9 to Saturday February 29 due to a water main break which closed the 704.
 - Chris noted there is room for additional food items.
 - Kyle J will bring the sound equipment.
 - Arrival time for HGMC should be about 6:00 PM. The doors open at 7:00 PM. The show begins at 8:00 PM.
- **Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra (HSO) Concert.**
 - The list of singers has been sent to the organizers.

- The dress code has still to be announced but is expected to be some combination of black and white.
- The piece will be sung in English, and music will be used (no memorization).
- **Sharing Our Caring Dinner/Rehearsal (Apr 13).**
 - Pastor Lori has taken over the dinner coordination from the MCC side.
 - Fred Warner will be asked to head the food service portion of the event.
- **Special Music Performance (Apr 19).**
 - The songs to sing have not yet been determined.
- **Spring 2020 Season (May 29-31).**
 - Kyle W reported that tuxedos will be worn. No props are necessary.
 - Chris will meet with Paul Foltz about purchasing additional tuxedos for new members and new vest and tie combinations.
- **GALA 2020 Status.**
 - Our introductory video is due March 1.
 - "Performance Sheets" are due soon, but no date has been specified.
 - Deadline for regular registration is March 31. Then the cost jumps \$75.
 - We will purchase a display street banner for HGMC for \$65.00
 - We have asked for an audio recording of our concert to be made.
- **Voices United 2020 (performance July 24).**
 - The River City Singers have dropped out, so an additional chorus is being sought. Kyle W offered to contact Parkside Harmony about one of their small groups participating.
 - The performance will be at Whitaker Center. Parking facilitation is being investigated.
 - Ticket prices will drop from \$15 to \$10 as a result of not having the Market Square Parking Garage for free as was the case at Market Square Presbyterian.
- **Joint Concert with BMC.**
 - We are anticipating a joint concert in Baltimore for the Christmas 2020 season with the date to be determined.

8) New Business

- **Special Request.**
 - A former singer and board member contacted Kyle J stating he was in a 12-step program and wanted to offer apologies to HGMC and offer his services in the coming months. It was suggested that he could benefit the chorus by working the door at the Spring concerts.
 - The consensus was that we welcomed his offer, but that we should run it by the membership first in case there are any concerns although none were anticipated.
- **2020-2021 Season Planning.**
 - Winter performances will be limited to four full concerts. Whitaker Center is scheduled for December 19th and 20th. We are looking for one York County and one Lancaster County performance. It was suggested to try and limit performances to two weekends. In addition, we may again do a mid-week mid-day performance at the State Capitol Rotunda. We will also have our trip to Baltimore (see above).
 - Spring 2021 performances are scheduled for May 22nd and 23rd at Whitaker Center. Additional performances are sought in York and Lancaster counties.
 - Doug suggested a Production Committee meeting on Monday March 23rd at 6:00 PM to attempt to finalize the calendar.
 - Doug noted Pride event changes this summer. York Equality Festival is set for Sunday June 28th at Cherry Lane Park. Singing the National Anthem for the York Revolution is

set for Friday June 26. The National Anthem for the Harrisburg Senators is scheduled for Friday July 17.

- **President's Announcement.**

- Kyle J announced that he will not be running for re-election in August 2020. Board members expressed appreciation for the job Kyle has done, having come in at a difficult period.

9) Next Board Meeting: Sunday March 15th, 7:00 PM at Unitarian Church of Harrisburg.

10) Adjournment: Adjournment was proposed at 8:37 PM by Robb and seconded by Marlene with all voting in favor.

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

Respectfully submitted by Ted Neal, Secretary.