



Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus
Board Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2020

Location: Video Conference Call

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

Absent: Doug Wentz

- 1) **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:16 PM by President Kyle Junk.
- 2) **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:**
 - New Business – Special Request, Lancaster Pride Festival
- 3) **Approval of February 23rd 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 2020-03-15
 - HGMC P&L by Month 2020-03-15
 - HGMC P&L Detail 2020-03-15
 - HGMC P&L Valentine Party 2020
 - Steve reported that the Valentine Fundraiser netted around \$500.
 - 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 – March 2020
 - **Secretary:**
 - N/A
 - **Artistic Director/Production Committee:**
 - N/A
 - **Committees:**

- **Finance:**
 - Robb has had no communication from the Farm Show Complex, which is closed until at least March 31. Steve reported the check for the Sports and Outdoor Show has arrived.
- **Publicity:**
 - Refer to document: PR-Marketing Report -March 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**

- **2020-2021 Season Strategic Planning.**
 - Kyle W. is working on the themes for the Fall season concerts.
- **Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra (HSO) Concert.**
 - This concert has been postponed until at least the Fall of 2020 due to the COVID-19 virus. See New Business.
- **Sharing Our Caring Dinner/Rehearsal (Apr 13).**
 - This will be postponed to a later date due to the COVID-19 virus. See New Business.
- **Special Music Performance (Apr 19).**
 - This will be postponed to a later date due to the COVID-19 virus. See New Business.
- **Spring 2020 Season (May 29-31).**
 - Contingency plans will have to be developed due to the COVID-19 virus. See New Business.
- **GALA 2020 Status.**
 - The allocation of Farm Show hours/dollars has been updated due to the gifting of hours from non-participants.
 - A 2nd Tenor who joined this season and is a senior will be given support to keep his registration fee at \$85.
 - Two additional members are considering going.
 - Steve will update the membership on the GALA issues caused by the COVID-19 virus. See new Business.
- **Voices United 2020 (performance July 24).**
 - The Artistic Director of Parkside Harmony has not yet responded to the offer of having a small group perform. Kyle W. will re-contact her.
- **Storage Unit Reorganization / Music Cataloging.**
 - Chris and Kyle J will be looking to transport file cabinets from Chris' office to the storage unit.
 - Ted noted that all music in the standard file cabinets up through Cabint-4, Drawer-4 have been counted and are scanned or ready to scan. One standard file cabinet drawer plus the music in boxes and the music at the Unitarian Church remain to be cataloged.
- **Chorus Music Video.**
 - This is on hold due to the COVID-19 Virus. See New Business.

- **Valentine's Fundraiser (Feb 29) Post Assessment.**
 - Although the even was a success, the consensus is that a different sort of fundraiser should be attempted in the future. The Fundraising Committee will discuss this at a future meeting.

8) **New Business**

- **COV-19 Contingency Planning.**
 - CPWC and the Baltimore Men's Chorus have already cancelled two weeks of rehearsals.
 - It was agreed that trying to hold online rehearsals is not feasible.
 - It was agreed to cancel the March 16th and March 23rd rehearsals for now and revisit the situation on March 23rd with an online board meeting. Kyle J. will inform the membership and encourage them to listen to their learning tracks and work on memorization.
 - Kyle W is confident two or even three rehearsals can be made up without undo impact to the concert. However, if the "social distancing" efforts need to be extended past April 1, then alternative strategies need to be addressed, such as cutting down the size and/or postponing the concert dates.
 - Steve noted that GALA will determine whether to hold or postpone the festival by May 15.
 - All events and performances scheduled during March or April are being cancelled or postponed including The Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra concert, the "Sharing Our Caring" dinner, and the "Pay the Rent" concert at the Unitarian Church of Har3risburg.
- **Special Request – Lancaster Pride Festival.**
 - We were contacted by the Lancaster Pride Committee concerning singing at their festival on Sunday June 14th which is also Father's Day. We could potentially be paid.
 - The consensus was not to reject the request out-of-hand, but to let them know we can't commit now due to the evolving coronavirus situation. Also, Kyle W and Tracy would have to confirm their availability.

9) **Next Board Meeting:** Sunday April 19th, 7:00 PM at Unitarian Church of Harrisburg.

10) **Adjournment:** Adjournment was proposed at 8:27 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.

Addendum 1 – Monday March 23rd, 7:00 PM

A supplemental meeting of the Board was held in lieu of rehearsal.

Item 1 – It was proposed and decided to continue the suspension of rehearsals for another two weeks, tentatively resuming rehearsals on April 13. Everyone voted in favor.

Addendum 2 – Monday March 30th, 7:00 PM

A supplemental meeting of the Board was held in lieu of rehearsal.

Item 1 – It was proposed and decided to continue to postpone all rehearsals and performances as long as the Governor's Stay at Home order is in place. At this point that means that all April rehearsals and events are cancelled. Everyone voted in favor.