**Presidents Report for May 31, 2015 6pm UU/Clover Lane**

I hosted a meeting with our AD and Production Chair on Thursday May 21 to discuss Production Budget issues along with Grant Proposal ideas and thoughts for our upcoming summer and 2015/16 performance year. Our first point was addressing the disappointing turnout at this spring’s Debut Concert at PENN STATE. We will make the following changes to ensure better attendance next year:

* Preview Spring Concert at the Brownstone or other venue
* Scheduling the event on non-Mothers Day weekend
* Have tickets to members to sell in advance.
* Add a link with directions to the location (and map) to all appropriate PR materials.

**(VOTE REQUIRED)** It will also be to our advantage in filing for GRANTS for the coming year to have a component that brings in Students. I propose offering FREE STUDENT ADMISSION for the entire Spring concert series. I propose we offer the Sunday Afternoon performance as a “Free Will Admission” concert. This has the potential to increase our attendance AND our box office for the Spring Concert. IF we do not receive a Grant we can always revisit this.

If the above efforts do not have a positive impact on Spring Concert attendance in 2016, we will discuss making changes to the Spring Concert schedule and venue for 2017. **We will need to wait until Voices United 2017 to produce promo. Materials for the 2016/17 season.**

Adam would like to conduct a **Strategic Planning Meeting** with the Board and key Chorus Committee members on **Sunday June 7**. The purpose of this meeting is to focus on the Vision of the HGMC, the productivity of the Board and discussing member recruitment. **An agenda with meeting time will be sent from Adam ASAP**.

I will be attending a **FREE GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP** on Wed. May 27, 5:30 PM. Any HGMC members are welcome to join. The Workshop will be at the Jump Street Office on Cameron Street. This is tailored for the PPA Project Stream Grant, which we have been awarded the past two years. The deadline for the next Project Stream Grant is June 15. **Kevin Nield** is making a 4 minute clip DVD for us to include in the Grant Proposal.

**Kevin Nield** is also working on a video montage for our **A FATHER AND A SON** performance from the Spring Concert. Kevin will need some extra footage to showcase the “fun community” aspect of the chorus. Kevin is making arrangements to get extra footage of the Chorus. We will re-record the song at our York performance to get better sound quality. When this video is completed we will be using it as a promotional tool for member and audience recruitment.

**Lancaster Pride**: John Folby does not have the next round of Gift baskets ready for Lancaster Pride, but he plans to have the baskets for Harrisburg Pride and we will sell tickets for them at all our events through December (including the October Fundraiser). John is also organizing a Tom of Finland Stamps Silent Auction, with a display he is creating with Jefferson, we will have that at all appropriate events and will announce winners at the February Fundraiser. I am planning on canceling our table reservation for Lancaster Pride.

**Doug Wentz has volunteered to co-chair the Harrisburg Pride Day** on Sat. July 25. Robb, Doug, and I will break the day into three shifts with each of us as shift leader in need of a shift mate. Details to follow.

**York Equality Fest** Sunday Aug. 2, 12-6pm We are doing a 15-20 minute set from our concert, starting with the National Anthem. We are listed on their Website already.

<http://www.equalityfestyork.com/#!performers/c1k60>

**The HGMC will be singing the National Anthem** for the York **Revolution on Wednesday Aug. 5th.**

Corey Balducci is our new contact at **Centerplate** for Farmshow events. I spoke to Corey about making sure we get some better money making booths for next season. We need $3000. In sales a day NOT for the weekend…

**Vote approved in April:** Proposal for a New Standing Sub-Committee

Terry Karanen’s position as **Annual Campaign Manager** was voted on and approved to be included as the third sub-committee under the Treasurer. This change should help establishes more concretely what the Annual Campaign Manger is responsible for. Thanks again to Terry for all his hard work on the HGMC’s most valuable and consistent of fundraising efforts.

**These Next Year Calendar dates are CONFIRMED:**

**ANNUAL MEETING Monday Aug. 17, 7pm UU Clover Lane**

**First official Rehearsal Monday Aug. 24, 7pm UU Clover Lane**

Friday, December 4, 2015 7:30 First Reform Church Lancaster, Winter Concert Preview

Sunday, December 6, 4pm UU Clover Lane WINTER CONCERT 2015

Friday, December 11, 2015. 7:30 HCC York, Winter Concert, Encore

Sunday, December 13, 4pm Unity, Enola, Winter Concert, Encore

Monday January 25, 2016 start of Spring Season

Saturday May 7, 7:30 pm HCC York, Spring Concert Preview

Sat/Sun. May 14/15 8pm/2pm SPRING CONCERT Penn State Harrisburg

Michael Jeffrey is finished writing his report on our **Annual Audit**. To sum up, Mike see’s that our books are in extremely good shape thanks to Kevin Wagners professional and responsible work ethic as our Treasurer.

**Our Next Board Meeting is Sunday June 28, 6pm UU Board Room**. I will be in Minnesota for my nephews graduation and unavailable that day.