

HGMC Annual Meeting GALA Festival 2021 Report

- Report Prepared for August 10, 2020 Annual Meeting
- GALA Choruses Festival 2021
 - Rescheduled from 2020
 - Minneapolis, MN
 - Wednesday, July 7, 2021 through Sunday, July 11, 2021
 - Over 200 LGBT Choruses will be participating
 - <https://galachoruses.org/events/gala-festival>
- HGMC will participate/perform
 - 25 minute set from our spring 2021 concert
 - Day, time and venue to be redetermined
 - Possible additional community performance
 - Festival wide performance opportunities
 - HGMC individual members can participate as desired
 - Steve Creps is our Festival Liaison
- Registration
 - HGMC pays up to \$200 toward registration
 - Members responsible for \$75 of early registration or \$150 of regular registration, \$225 of late
 - Seniors will be responsible for \$75 of early registration, \$85 of regular registration, \$95 of late
 - Registrations made last year have carried over to 2021
 - Signup for members who did not previously sign up will be coordinated in the Fall 2020
 - Members who have previously registered, and are unable to attend the rescheduled event should contact Steve Creps. Please do not request a refund from GALA currently. We may transfer your registration to another member. Steve Creps will coordinate any transfers.
 - All registrations must be made online
 - If a registration is cancelled, refunds are payable to HGMC paid portion first.
 - Essentially \$75 is not refundable to member
 - We will coordinate to transfer registrations where feasible to another member
 - All registrations and cancellations should be coordinated with the HGMC treasurer
- Housing
 - Housing reservations will likely be coordinated in the winter
 - Multiple hotels, but the list will likely change
 - Average expected cost \$200/room/night
 - Expected 5 or 6 day stay (depending on our day of performance)
 - Housing blocks and information are not available yet.
 - Festival Liaison will coordinate rooms/roommates
 - Members can decide single/double/triple/quad
 - Higher occupancy – lower member cost
 - Board GALA committee will decide on which hotels we will try to use.
- Travel
 - Airfare to Minneapolis is expected to be in the \$350-500 range at this time.
 - Local transportation to hotel
- Meals
 - Recommended to plan on \$40/day, Individual costs will vary.

- Member budget
 - \$75 for registration – already paid by most attending members
 - \$500 for hotel – based on double occupancy x 5 night
 - \$250 for quad, or \$333 for Triple, \$1000 for single
 - \$500 for travel
 - \$200 for meals - \$40/day x 5 days
- Chorus financial support
 - HGMC plans to have about of \$12000 to help members with expenses, (GALA fund)
 - Could be higher if we have additional fundraising income by February
 - Based on 20 members attending that would cover an average of 50% of member costs
 - Chorus will be paying up to \$200 per member for registration from general fund, if any additional registrations are needed.
 - Distribution of funds will be based on the number of volunteer hours worked at Farm Show events
 - Hours are listed on groupanizer. We will use the hours listed at this time.
 - Your percentage of funds will be your percentage of total hours worked
 - Total funds available will be determined by Board
 - Some funds will be retained by the Board for member assistance/scholarship
 - Funds in excess of total expenses for member
 - Funds for members who are not attending or no longer members
 - Funds reserved for emergency needs
 - Members who are not attending may gift their share to another member
 - Members may have friends work hours for their credit
 - 2019-2020 hours will count double toward the totals
 - initial distributions will be determined by the March 2021 board meeting
 - Members share of distributed funds will not exceed actual expenses and can be applied to the following:
 - Maximum Travel reimbursement \$500
 - Maximum Hotel reimbursement – cost of double occupancy for 5 nights (roughly \$500)
 - Maximum meal reimbursement to be determined by board

Submitted to the Annual Meeting by Steven Creps, HGMC GALA Liaison , on August 10, 2020.