

Interim Artistic Director Report
Meeting of the Board of Directors for Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus
May 15, 2022 7pm EST on Zoom

Since the Last Board Meeting

The chorus had a successful retreat and potluck on Sunday, April 24. Special Guest David Payne was with us for the duration and rehearsed "I Know Where I've Been" with us. Special thanks to Fred for organizing the potluck and to John and Bob at Enola UMC for arranging the space.

An extended rehearsal was held the following night. I am pleased to report 100% of the chorus attended both the retreat and the extended rehearsal.

I conducted virtually May 2 and 9 rehearsals. The chorus has run the show in order, began choreography, has their standing order, and is now incorporating stools secured by Paul Foltz. On May 9, Matt Topping is our guest conductor. On May 16, Mitchell Sensenig is our guest conductor. I will run the show, conducting virtually Mon May 30.

Speaking parts throughout the shows have been assigned. I am working individually with the speakers to ensure they are concise, coherent and have stage presence. I am contacting all former artistic directors to invite them to the concerts. They will be formally acknowledged. Paul Foltz is finalizing the In Memoriam list.

The playbill is in process. Steven has released a timeline for playbill production.

The chorus performs the national anthem at the York Revolutions Game at York Revolution Stadium on Friday, June 3. Tracy will conduct.

I travel June 5-13 and Lawrence Turner is arranging my travel and lodging.

Our concert schedule week is as follows:

Mon, June 6- final rehearsal at Bergstrasse Lutheran, Ephrata

Weds, June 8- Dress/tech Tree of Life, Harrisburg

Fri, June 10- 8pm concert at Tree of Life *will be live-streamed through YouTube

Sat, June 11- 8pm concert at Bergstrasse Lutheran, Ephrata

Sun, June 12- 6pm concert at Heroes Amphitheater, Harrisburg

Miscellaneous and Forthcoming

I have moved to the silent auction committee and am liaison to PR and social media.

Marlene secured a TV spot for me week of concert.

Thanks to Steven Creps for completing Tracy's contract process. He also made the reimbursement process easy and has always answered my requests efficiently.

I urge the chorus to look forward at summer events and preparation for those, scheduling an annual meeting in August, and setting dates and events for the 2022-2023 season in time for the annual meeting.

Questions surrounding Anniversary Concerts:

Who is in charge of volunteers/ushers at our concerts?

Do we have giving envelopes? There will be an “ask” during the show.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Lynne Smith, Interim Artistic Director