

President's Report

February 2023

The past month has been and incredibly busy and productive time for the chorus. The fundraising and performance efforts that occurred in this very short time period are nothing less than amazing. It is very obvious to me that the people involved in this organization, Board as well as Members, exhibit a level of dedication far above what would be usual for an arts organization such as this one. I could conceive of no other topic for this month's report other than "Gratitude."

While I am always nervous to try to say thank you to each and every individual for fear of leaving someone out, I do feel it is necessary to commend all the members of this Board of Directors who expended so much time, talent, energy, and treasure accomplishing any number of tasks this past month. Without a doubt, Rob and Steve carried out a monumental chore in staffing and working the stand at the Outdoor Show. All the folks who organized dinner parties, opened their homes, helped the hosts, as well as provided entertainment for the guests did an amazing job and introduced us, the chorus, in a new and totally different way too many of the people attending. The cabaret was a success beyond anyone's expectations; ours or those of Theater Harrisburg. It really was a chance for new audiences from both organizations to experience the other in a fun and delicious event. Enormous thanks has to go to those who performed, who baked, and who helped to keep get it all running. A special thank you has to be given to Lawrence for arranging the donation of and/or personally donating almost all of the champagne that was served at the event.

A particular nod of appreciation must be given to our Interim Artistic Director, Stephanie Lynn Smith. The ideas for both the dinners and the cabaret were hers. She worked diligently through it all, mostly from the other side of the country, to make sure that both events were enormous successes. She's also provided us with a blueprint of how to run future fundraising events, to think a little outside the box when developing new funding sources for the chorus, and to see how fundraising can also be about community building.

This past month has shown just how dedicated, creative, and invested we all are in the life of this chorus. It's because of times like these that we can be certain that the chorus can face its future on solid footing, allowing the furtherance of its mission.

I cannot adequately say how grateful I am to each and every one of you. Thank you.

Paul R. Foltz
President