

HGMC / Baltimore Gay Men's Chorus Workshop

November 5, 2016

St. Andrew's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church

Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus hosted Chicago Gay Men's Chorus Artistic Director James Morehead and the Baltimore Gay Men's Chorus under the direction of Bill Winsom for a choral workshop.

The workshop was held at St. Andrew's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church on Linglestown Road at 1:00 PM. The church was made available thanks to the efforts of Tom Lynes, HGMC member.

Following a meet-and-greet, and introductions by HGMC President Aaron Menser and HGMC Artistic Director Dr. Adam Gustafson, the first portion of the workshop was facilitated by Dr. Morehead.

The chorus members were tutored in breathing and voice placement techniques, and James provided a 10-point checklist for chorus members. Following this, he fielded questions concerning singing, score memorization, fundraising, and choosing singing venues.

This was followed by a snack break with food and water furnished by Doug Wentz, Marlene Kanuck, Eddie Diehl, and the BGMC. Doug also provided gift bags to all participants.

St. Andrew's Rector the Rev. Canon Nelson K. Baliira extended the participants a cordial greeting.

The rest of the workshop was taken up with a rehearsal of the two songs both choruses will sing together at an HGMC Christmas concert. Bill directed "Various Themes on FA-LA-LA", and Adam directed "Not My Father's Son."

The workshop was completed at 4:45 PM. Following the workshop, the participants met for a Social Hour arranged by Aaron at Café 1500 in Harrisburg.

For financial details of the workshop, reference the Treasurer's Report for November 13, 2016.