

Presidents Report for May 31, 2016

VOTE: With our busy schedules this summer I propose we have electronic meetings to approve the Treasurers report in June and July. We will need to touch base about the Annual Meeting prior to August 15 (I will be responsible for that).

VOTE: (From Paul's Production Budget) *I encourage the Board to approve two expenditures in the coming year's budget. (**Based on approval from the Treasurer**) The first is for us to host a masterclass for Baltimore GMC and us by the conductor of Chicago GMC. He is a friend of Adam's so he would be staying in Adam's home. Our only costs would be his transportation (a \$400.00 average air ticket cost) and a \$200.00 honorarium for a total of \$600.00. It would be part of our workshop to get to know the BGMC prior to their proposed appearance at our Winter Concert.*

The second expenditure is for the 30th Anniversary concert. We would like to host a new works competition for the program and offer prizes for first, second and third places for submitted compositions. These would be \$250.00, \$150.00 and \$100.00 respectively for a total of \$500.00.

Please note: a pledge of \$250.00 is secured to cover the cost of the first place prize.

This past month I have been very busy filing Grants for our coming season. I have filed Grants with The Cultural Enrichment Fund/The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (submitted May 15, 2016) and I am in the process of completing the Grant for Jump Street/PA Partners in the ARTS, which should be completed by the time we meet. Deadline for this Grant is June 20.

Grant funding is awarded for both of these Grants on allowing access to the Arts and having educational components (outreach to students is also a plus). I have proposed Partnerships with CASA, the LGBT Center (both of which came through with wonderful letters of recommendation for us) and also 704, and the UU Church. All these organizations and John Folby provided letters of

recommendation for us. I have written thank you notes to all of the above for their help.

Thank you also to KEVIN WAGNER who is always prompt on his responses when I have questions regarding HGMC monies and figures needed for these Grant applications!

Assuming Grant Awards, we will need to provide tickets for CASA, the LGBT Center, and 704 to demonstrate our efforts at access to the arts and outreach beyond our traditional audience. We will also need to provide free student admission (upon request) and \$2.00 discount for Seniors (upon request). I will update the Board upon hearing of any awards. The FFEC Grant will be awarded at the end of July. The PPA Grant has been awarded later in the Fall the past few years. I will mentor the new President in the Grant application process and I will complete the Grant Reporting for any Grants we receive for 2016. Both Grants I have applied for are towards our Winter Concert.

Mike Jeffrey has completed the Financial Review of our Bookkeeping and Records. The Report will be submitted in the next 24 hours. In summary we are very fortunate to have Kevin Wagner keeping such meticulous records for us. We are very fortunate to have someone so responsible and conscientious as our Treasurer. THANK YOU KEVIN!!!

I received the following e-mail from Pastor Amy at the Heidelberg Church of Christ after performing our recent Spring Concert there:

Dear Jeff,

I believe you've met Dr. Jose Holland-Garcia (Joey), a member of our church, our choir, and a music professor at Millersville. I spoke with Joey earlier today and he mentioned that he is on a committee charged with inviting musical performance groups to perform at the Ware Center in Lancaster....Lancaster's premiere performance space now owned by Millersville. <http://www.artsmu.com/ware-center---Lancaster>

They are looking to support groups who would enjoy performing in a great venue (with technical support available), and are wanting to invite groups that would enjoy more exposure to the community.

I know you guys have been performing at First reformed, but this seems to me to be an extraordinary opportunity, and perhaps a chance for a greater audience.

I've copied Joey on this email and if you'd like to learn more, I invite you to write to him and find out what might be possible.

Blessings to you, Jeff,

Amy Schultz

Heidelberg UCC

Amy also asked us to be a part of their LGBT Affirmation Service on Sunday October 16. Adam has agreed to volunteer time for this and we will plan on singing at this service as a THANK YOU to the Church. Amy said they will give us an honorarium for this performance. She asked what our fee would be for an event like this and I quoted her \$500.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey J. Mitchell