

Presidents Report:

*I want to extend a sincere **THANK YOU to the entire HGMC organization.*** My main goals in taking on the role of President four years ago were to help us find a quality Artistic Director and to make sure we made it to Gala Festival 2016. Thanks to your help we have reached those goals and on the way have made progress in the areas of Member recruitment, Fundraising, and Public Relations.

Our organization exists on the contributions of EVERY ONE of us. We are all accountable for being responsible to learn our music, pay our dues, support the fundraising efforts, and get the word out about our Chorus and our concerts. All those efforts are appreciated, but as MANY of you know, the running of the HGMC requires a lot more effort than that and I would like to take a moment to single out a few of the folks who have made a huge impact on the success of the HGMC the past four years, starting with our Board;

THANK YOU does not begin to cover what I would like to express to our **Vice President Eddie Diel and the artistry of Lizzie Beaumont.** Eddie has been Chairing our Fall and Spring Fundraisers for the past four years. Eddie, with the support of the Chorus, is responsible for bringing in @ \$8000. making these fundraising efforts lucrative and enjoyable, while also imprinting our presence in the community with a very positive image.

I have endless amounts of gratitude and appreciation to our **Treasurer Kevin Wagner.** I thank Kevin not only for his responsible and impressive work ethic but also being someone I could trust and rely on as part of the Board. Kevin has been an invaluable MVP on the Board, serving not only as Treasurer but also as our PR Dept. for many years. Kevin has been doing more than any one member should be expected to do-and he never once complains about the HOURS of hard work he has given to the HGMC. I thank Kevin for his loyalty, service and diligence in all capacities for the HGMC.

Doug Wentz has been a significant part of the success of the HGMC from the minute he became involved as a singer. Doug has anticipated Chorus needs and he has also been extremely generous with his time and resources both before and after becoming a Member at Large on the HGMC Board. Doug is currently shouldering the responsibility of both **PR and our Annual Campaign,** as well as co-chairing our PRIDE committee this summer. I am hopeful other HGMC

members will step up in the same way Doug has to help him out, because he is currently doing MORE than what should be expected of any single member.

Marlene Kanuck, Bob Nease and Bill Sprout have all been instrumental to the success of the HGMC Board in terms of fundraising, connecting and reaching out to the community. Each has served on various committees within our organization, including Production, Fundraising and Pride Committee.

Paul Foltz has been invaluable as our **Production Chair**. Sincere thanks to Paul for his generous contributions to the chorus in terms of sharing his talent and resources on and off stage with the HGMC. As the HGMC's previous President, Paul provided leadership mentoring for me that made the transition a very smooth one, in my estimation.

I would also like to single out **Terry Karanen** for his contributions as our Annual Campaign manager, bringing in the Annual Campaigns for my entire Presidency. The Annual Campaign is a significant undertaking, and I appreciate how successfully Terry managed our campaign the past four years.

Our **Artistic Director, Dr. Adam Gustafson**, is someone I feel privileged to have in such a critical role in our organization. We are beyond fortunate to have Adam's skill, talent and artistry in The HGMC. I respect and admire Adam for the impact he has made with our Chorus. Adam has been responsible for implementing a positive change in the way we perceive ourselves and the way we are perceived in the community.

Again, sincere thanks to each and every one of you for contributing to the growth of the HGMC these past four years.

Moving Forward: I am thrilled we have such well qualified candidates on our Annual Meeting ballot to take over the roles of President, VP, and Secretary.

Aaron Mentz who is running for President will bring much needed fresh energy onto the Board. Aaron has great new ideas for member recruitment and fundraising. **John Folby will make an exceptional Vice President**. John is another (Fifth section) member who we all owe a debt of thanks. Mr. Folby has been our own personal *Glinda the Goodwitch* the past four years, providing significant fundraising income and community support. John's experience, resources and connections will be invaluable on the board. **Ted Neal's** IT background and experience with the HGMC will be a great match for the position of **HGMC Secretary**.

Current Members at Large, **Marlene Kanuck and Bob Nease** will be running for those positions again. Marlene has been a valuable asset as a liason to the

CPWC and both Marlene and Bob have represented us at the LGBT Chamber. Bob has offered to continue as co-chair of our Farmshow Fundraising events.

I am compelled to point out that **the Farmshow** continues to be a much needed fundraiser for The HGMC and it would behoove more members to become more reliable when it comes to working the Farmshow events. The hard work does not go without rewards. Farmshow hours are expected to be logged by EVERYONE because Farmshow money is used to pay general chorus expenses. The bulk of Farmshow monies do go toward GALA though, and as a point of reference, the hours I had to cover over the past four years, earned me well **over \$1,000**. Towards Gala this past year. **Tim Coleman** being the only other member to log more hours. SO PLEASE BE MORE ACTIVE with our FARMSHOW fundraisers, it benefits YOU and it benefits the HGMC.

The first year of a New Board is bound to experience a bit of a learning curve before everyone settles into their perspective new roles. I will provide mentoring, and I know Kevin Wagner and the surviving Members at Large will do their best to ensure a smooth transition of new leadership onto the HGMC Board.

Dates to keep in mind for the coming year:

Mon. 8/22/16 Start of Regular Rehearsal (auditions 6:30)

Sun. 10/16/16 Sing at Heidelberg LGBT Service 10:45 songs: Susquehanna, The River and From A Distance

Mon. 10/17/16 Gov. Dinner (tentative performance 8:15-8:45)

Sat. 10/29/16 October Fundraiser (8pm-midnight)

Sat. 11/5/16 Guest AD Workshop/meet and greet with Baltimore Gay Mens Chorus

Sat. 11/26/16 Community Caroling in Allison Hill

Sat. 12/3/16 7pm Winter Concert Preview/First Reformed Lancaster

Sun. 12/4/16 Winter Concert Clover Lane, With Baltimore GMC 4pm

Fri. 12/9/16 Winter Concert Heidelberg Church in York, 7:30 PM

Sun. 12/11/16 Winter Concert, Unity Wertzville, Enola 4pm

Mon. 1/23/16 Start of Spring Season

Respectfully Submitted, Jeff Mitchell Chorus President Aug. 2012-Aug. 2016