

Minutes November 1, 2014

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Palo Alto - Mountain View Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting, 10:00 AM on November 1, 2014, at John Hinkle's office, 2007 West Hedding St., San Jose, CA.

Attendance:

President Jim Sherman, Secretary Bill Faught, VP Development Andy Maurer, VP Music Terry Moore, Program VP Bert Laurence, Member-at-Large John Hinkle, Coach Paul Eastman, Director Sean Abel, VP Marketing Nigel Endersby, Past President Dave Kocharhook.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:03 AM.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the previous board meeting on September 18, 2014, were approved with a change: the heading "Sammonds Contract" should read "Approval of New Member".

Minutes from the general meeting on September 25, 2014, were approved without change.

Minutes from the previous board meeting on October 4, 2014, were approved without change.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

Payments for uniforms for new members was discussed. It was noted that new members can arrange a payment plan with the Treasurer and pay over a period of months.

Expenses for new music are now billed and are paid without going through a reimbursement process.

Music VP Report

The music committee issued a new policy for approving new members to be "performance members" who may sing with the chorus at public performances. The new policy includes singing two chorus songs from memory. There was a long discussion of the policy and various levels of membership. The idea is that the new requirement can be seen as an instructional opportunity on how to learn new songs and sing with other parts. The board consensus is that this is a good idea. Andy and Sean will work together to determine how best to explain it to current and prospective members.

Chapter Development VP Report

Andy will invite past Voice Clinic members to participate in the Holiday Chorus. He believes that the opportunity to participate in holiday performances can be an incentive to prospective members.

Marketing VP Report

Flyers went out for Cabaret in email and bulk mail forms. The Cabaret placemat will promote Valentines and the Spring Show.

Program VP Report

No report. Bert was concerned that the holiday performance calendar is getting too full.

A motion to accept the reports was approved without dissent.

Old Business

2014 Cabaret Show 11/15

A possible show MC has been identified. We are still contacting senior centers for prospective attendees.

2015 Annual Show

We are still working on getting a signed contract for the headliner quartet.

Chapter Name Change

The subcommittee proposed adding a DBA with the name: "The Silicon Valley Chapter, BHS".

Several members of the board suggested that the name have something about singing in it, such as "Singers" or "Chorus".

The subcommittee will take another pass at the name.

Groupanizer Update

The Groupanizer product has changed. Terry has had to fix several authorization problems. Several members said that the default color scheme was hard to read.

New Business

Board Award

A motion was passed to select the Board Award recipient.

Rookie Award

There will not be a rookie award this year.

New Member Ideas

Andy will address these ideas at the planning meeting. He got a consensus that the 2015 Vocal Clinic will be in late May and June.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report was reviewed and responsible parties for items were identified.

There was a fair amount of discussion of which VP should own several of the issues, such as Chorus Manager, Booking Manager, and making committees happen.

Upcoming Board Meetings

The December Board Meeting and Annual Planning Meeting will be combined and will start at 10am on December 6, 2014.

The January Board Meeting will start at 10am on January 10, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned with the Good of the Chapter at 12:20 PM.
