PAMV Chapter BHS Music & Performance Report for November 1, 2014 Board Meeting

The Music Team met on October 23.

Review of Recent FWD Convention Judges' Comments. We discussed how the Music team will work together to implement suggestions made by the judges. We want our stage performances to be as good as our rehearsal performances.

Qualification of New Members to Perform with the Peninsulaires. In order to perform in public (or at conventions) with the chorus, new members must demonstrate their knowledge of the words and notes for two songs, selected by the Director in advance. The new member will sing in an octet, with one other person on his part. The Section Leader and Director will evaluate whether the new member has learned the words and notes to the two songs accurately. Occasional performance errors are allowed. Note that this is not a membership requirement, but a performance requirement. Once qualified, further qualification on other songs is not needed, although the Director has the right to exclude from performing anyone who, in the Director's opinion, does not know a song adequately. Song learning assistance will be offered by the Section Leader and Coach.

Holiday Chorus. Rehearsing of holiday music has started. Repertoire is the same as last year, but Sean is introducing his own interpretations, different from Steve's.

New Chorus Repertoire. We're learning "Daddy's Little Girl" now. Songs available for learning, but not yet rehearsed at chapter meetings: "Hey, Good Lookin" and "When She Loved Me". Future songs to be introduced: "Coney Island Baby/We All Fall medley", "Down by the Riverside", and "Hit the Road, Jack".

Performance Packages. We will be developing 15-minute, 30-minute, and 45-minute performance sets from our repertoire. Final song selection and order are still under discussion.

Quartet Formation. Members will be encouraged to learn all four parts of Polecat songs to allow impromptu quartets to sing at chapter meetings. We hope that more long-term (registered) quartets will result. John Wooldridge will facilitate quartet formation.

- Terry Moore, VP of Music and Performance

Upcoming musical dates:

11/15 Cabaret Show (Palo Alto)

11/21 Taping for TV show (Sunnyvale)

12/6 Holiday Train (Mountain View)

12/8 Mountain View Tree Lighting

12/13 Palo Alto Farmers' Market

1/17/15 Installation Dinner (Palo Alto)

1/22/15 Channing House (Palo Alto)

2/13-14/15 Valentine Quartets (various locations)

3/19-22/15 FWD-NW and FWD Convention (Sacramento)

4/25/15 Spring Show (Woodside)