

PAMV Chapter BHS

Music VP Report for February 5, 2011 Board Meeting

The Music Team meets 10 days before each Board meeting on Wednesday 7:30pm in Dave Kocharhook's office building, 4320 Stevens Creek Blvd., San Jose. We met on January 26.

We are concerned that chapter growth seems to have stagnated, and furthermore, that a substantial number of members choose to leave chapter meetings at the break, so that we no longer have full sections. This is frustrating to Music Team members, since we can accomplish less if our chorus is only partly present. Our Director has adjusted his meeting timetables to allow for shorter meetings. We urge the Board to take action to start and end the meetings earlier, and to shorten the meetings, as we believe that better attendance will result. Recruitment of new members may also become easier.

The pace at which we are learning new songs has increased in the last few months, due to the needs of our June show. While we believe that members enjoy the new songs, there is more learning work, and we've sometimes failed to achieve our aggressive goals. There will be some minor adjustments and suggestions at chapter meetings and via emails to help us learn better.

We have six quartets ready to sing Valentines, so participation in quartets seems to be good. However, there are many chapter members not in long-term quartets, so we'll continue to offer suggestions for quartet formation for those wishing to join a quartet.

The Spring Show Chairman and the Director seem to have show plans well covered, so the Music Team does not see a present need to offer further assistance.

Our songs for the FWD-NW Convention songs on March 19 are in good shape. Learning of show songs will diminish only slightly in the few weeks preceding the contest as we prepare to compete.

We noted that the three men maintaining our web site (Randy Harmon, Dan Curtis, and Mark Torrance) have had to cut back their support effort due to various personal circumstances. There are several new features and enhancements we'd like to see but don't have the resources to develop and maintain. We have started looking at low-cost (about \$39/month) commercially-available web services to fill this need. One contender is <http://www.groupanizer.com>, which has advertised in the *Harmonizer* and is run by a barbershopper. We're also looking at other potential vendors, and will discuss our findings at the February 23 Music Team meeting. We believe that other chapter officers (such as Membership and Marketing) might want to participate in this evaluation and make recommendations to the Board. The Music Team will probably make a recommendation to the Board for the March 5 meeting.

- Terry Moore, VP of Music