

Minutes September 12, 2015

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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 September 12, 2015, at John Hinkle's office, 2007 West Hedding St., San Jose, CA.

**Attendance:**

President Dave Kocharhook, Secretary Bill Faught, VP Music Terry Moore, VP Marketing Jeff Harris, VP Program Bert Laurence, Member-at-Large Nigel Endersby, Past President Jim Sherman, Director Sean Abel.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:00 AM.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes from the previous board meeting on August 1, 2015, were approved without change.

**Reports**

**Treasurer's Report**

The current income still falls short of the budget.

**Music VP Report**

There was no Music report. In response to a question about Music Committee meetings, Terry will provide an agenda for the meetings.

**Chapter Development VP Report**

We have 38 active members.

**Marketing VP Report**

Flyers for the Cabaret Show will be out in the upcoming weeks.

**Program Report**

Bert will get sandwiches for the Mesa chorus for Friday night after the rehearsal. The Mesa chorus should be at the convention site at 8AM Saturday morning in full uniform with makeup on.

There will not be a regular chorus rehearsal on Thursday, October 17 (the Thursday just before the Mesa convention).

The reports were accepted by a unanimous vote.

## **Old Business**

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee has finished its work for 2015. Jim Sherman sent out the following e-mail on Thursday, September 10:

Tonight at the Chapter meeting I presented the "2016 Slate of Officers":

- President                      John Hinkle
- Past President                Dave Kocharhook
- Secretary                      Bill Faught
- Treasurer                      Dave Morley
- VP Marketing & PR          Jeff Harris
- VP Chapter Development    Andy Maurer
- VP Music & Performance    Terry Moore
- VP Program                    John Wanless
- Members At Large:        John Jones, Nigel Endersby, Jim Sherman

Next Thursday, September 17, any "nominations from the floor" will be made. If you are planning on nominating someone, you must have their approval and must also notify me of the nomination prior to the Chapter meeting on the 17th.

The election will take place at the Chapter meeting on Thursday, September 24th.

### **2015 Cabaret Show Update**

A new budget for the show was presented. The filming crew at local station KMVT may tape the show, making parts of the recording available to us for marketing purposes.

The stage arrangements are still being worked on. We have an MC and a script for the MC.

### **Notification of International RE BM**

The Society has been notified of the chapter's intentions with respect to Mr. McHenry's membership, and responded that they will implement them.

### **Chapter Support of Harmony Camp**

Two young singers will be going to Harmony Camp using our donation. The remainder of the donation will be to Harmony Camp. It was suggested that a package of materials be provided to the singers to give to any chorus they may be regularly attending.

### **Grant Program Update**

The chapter donations program is ongoing. We need to create a package to present to candidate donors.

### **New Business**

#### **Quartet Meets**

Bill presented an idea for monthly quartet meet for an hour before regular chorus rehearsals – 6:30pm on Thursdays, once a month. The purpose is to give members (especially newer members) who are not in quartets a chance to experience quartet singing. The tentative date for the first night is Thursday, September 24 (unless Mesa rehearsals conflict).

#### **Risers**

Dave K pointed out the danger of falling off the back of our current risers.

New risers will cost at least \$7000, money which the chapter currently doesn't have. VIH bought their new risers from SICO, Inc., which we will investigate.

In the meantime, we will explore using the old risers currently stored at Cubberley because they have safety rails on the back.

#### **Uniforms**

Sean pointed out that our current uniform jackets and shirts are unflattering – as in they wash out our faces.

A subcommittee is being formed to investigate a new Class A uniform at a low cost: possibly \$75-90 per person. The idea would be to use the old pants and shoes, and buy a new shirt, tie, and vest (no jacket).

The current target time frame for the new uniform is next spring.

#### **Contest**

Bert pointed out the need to hear how the Mesa chorus will sound. Sean will give us our contest positions and do a chorus-only set soon.

The next Board meeting will be held October 3, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55pm with the good of the chapter.

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