

Minutes October 3, 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 October 3, 2015, at John Hinkle's office, 2007 West Hedding St., San Jose, CA.

Attendance:

President Dave Kocharhook, Secretary Bill Faught, VP Marketing Jeff Harris, VP Program Bert Laurence, VP Music Terry Moore, Member-at-Large John Hinkle, 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 September 12, 2015, and the minutes from the general meeting on September 24, 2015 were approved without change.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's reports show a decline in funds. Discussion was postponed to the end of the meeting.

Music VP Report

There were discussions about training section leaders and singing the Star Spangled Banner.

Chapter Development VP Report

The Chapter Development Report was noted.

Marketing VP Report

There was no Marketing Report.

Program Report

There was no Program Report.

The reports were accepted by a unanimous vote.

Old Business

2015 Cabaret Show Update

Dave K pointed out the need to sell tickets. Nigel will follow up with members about committing to sell a specific number of tickets.

There was a discussion about a group discount for tickets for senior centers. Bert has several options to utilize.

There was a discussion about not paying a \$500 donation for filming the Cabaret show, given our current budget problems, but instead donating tickets or performances. Dave K will follow up.

Fall FWD Convention

We will not be wearing white jackets at the contest, but will wear the rest of the Class A uniform. Also, all shoes need to be black patent leather.

There will be sandwiches after the Friday rehearsal at the convention; a free will donation to cover the cost will be available.

Support of Harmony Camp

We received a nice thank you letter from the Camp for our \$400 donation.

New Business

Barbershopper of the Quarter

A barbershopper of the quarter for quarter 3 was selected.

Implementation of Improvement Plan

There was a discussion of how to roll out the Strategic Plan and the music committee's Improvement Plan to the chapter. Dave K intends to give an oral presentation to the chapter the week after the Fall Convention. The first part of the Improvement Plan will be a survey to the members to elicit their suggestions about individual singing improvement.

Leadership Academy

We will not be sending board members to the leadership academy in Las Vegas in January. Instead we will use a possible workshop in Sacramento in December.

Budget Discussion

Various discussion topics:

- The current budget was based on optimistic assumptions.

- The decrease in the Spring Show revenue was due to decreased ads as well as decreased ticket sales.
- We will be pursuing discounts to senior centers to encourage more ticket sales.
- We may do a silent auction for chorus/quartet performances at future shows.
- We should gain some revenue for paying quartet gigs that are booked as a result of customers calling the Peninsulaire's contact numbers.
- We will be looking for a cost-free rehearsal site, possibly in return for chorus/quartet performances.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50pm.
