

Minutes April 9, 2016

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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 April 9, 2016, at John Hinkle's office, 2007 West Hedding St., San Jose, CA.

**Attendance:**

President John Hinkle, Secretary Bill Faught, Past President Dave Kocharhook, VP Music Terry Moore, VP Development Andy Maurer, VP Marketing Jeff Harris, Member-at-Large Jim Sherman, Member-at-Large Nigel Endersby, Member-at-Large John Jones, 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 March 12, 2016, were approved without change.

**Reports**

**Treasurer's Report**

No discussion.

**Music VP Report**

No discussion.

**Chapter Development VP Report**

Addison Snell is now on the membership team.

**Marketing VP Report**

No report.

**Program Report**

No discussion.

The reports were accepted by a unanimous vote.

**Old Business**

**2016 Spring Show**

The chorus did the first run-through of the spring show. The Spring Show budget was presented. Ticket sales are an on-going issue.

#### **Search Committee – Gig Sales Person, Grant Writer**

No progress.

#### **2016 Cabaret Show**

No venue as yet. Target dates are November 19, with November 12 as a backup.

#### **Church Floor**

The issue is still open. We are waiting for a reply from the church.

#### **Florist Research**

The idea is that a florist would offer to have Mother's Day and/or Valentine's Day bouquets delivered by a singing quartet for an added fee over the cost of the flowers. The chorus would receive the fee and the delivery charge. Sean, Dave Morley and Dave Kocharhook talked to several florists. The board consensus was to try out the idea for Mother's Day with a few florists.

#### **Secretary Tasks**

#### **Youth Policy**

The society has a written youth policy which is in force. The board discussed the possibility of adding to the policy, and the consensus is that we do not need to add to the written policy.

#### **Mission, Vision, Objectives Statements**

Bill will solicit feedback from the board for the documents that Sean wrote. The board will discuss them at the next meeting.

#### **New Member's Handout**

Andy reviewed and approved the minimal editing that Bill did to Andy's handout. The handout was sent to the newest (1-2 years) members of the chapter and stored in Groupanizer.

Bill will work on a one-page handout for guests' first visits.

#### **Chapter Teamwork Document**

The board consensus was that this document is a good idea. Bill will solicit feedback from the Board. The board will discuss the document at the next meeting. Possible means to distribute the document include having a new-member orientation and having one-minute item presentations at chapter business meetings. Jim Sherman volunteered to be the grand-daddy for newer members with questions about how things work.

### **Groupanizer Email**

Bill experimented with the Groupaznizer email feature and found it to work in a manner similar to the Yahoo email feature. Jeff is concerned that Groupanizer has less capability than Yahoo with respect to sending to different email addresses for the same person. This issue will need further research and discussion.

### **New Business**

#### **FWD Contest**

There is a concern about getting lots of chorus singers to attend the fall convention in Riverside. Several board members will coordinate to promote convention attendance.

#### **Meeting location**

Sean expressed concern that our current rehearsal hall is poor for hearing chorus performance for the purpose of improvement. He suggested Cubberley as an alternative. The chorus would have to sing in the Cubberley rehearsal rooms to make sure they are adequate. We would also have to negotiate a reasonable price.

The board consensus was for Sean to pursue the idea for the time being.

The meeting adjourned at 11:46pm with the good of the chapter.

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