

PAMV Chapter BHS

Music VP Report for May 7, 2011 Board Meeting

The Music Team met on April 27.

The Voice Lesson program has been very successful, with students appreciating the high-quality instruction which many have never previously experienced. We are also encouraged by the retention of students throughout the six-week class. We had expected attrition but have not seen it. Some students have asked us to provide a mini-class for their chorus. The friendliness of chapter members toward the students has also helped to make the program a success.

A generous donor has offered to underwrite 10% of the membership fee for anyone joining the chapter from the Voice Lesson program. (The Chapter may not legally do this, but an individual may.)

The Lead-Bass sectional rehearsal on April 20 was well-attended and proved valuable to both sections. More joint sectionals will be scheduled.

Chris Phoenix has started to assist Dave Kocharhook in the section leadership role. We expect the lead section to improve with his help.

John Wooldridge will be coordinating quartet activities at chapter meetings. Chuck Borrecco will act as his mentor.

Paul Eastman's reward of \$20 for accurately singing one's part on any chorus repertoire song has been won. A generous donor has offered to double the reward for the next winner.

Chuck Mollett will invite a quartet from Lynbrook High School to sing for the chapter. Chuck and others have been tutoring students in the barbershop style. Their teacher is interested in attending Harmony University in 2012; we should plan to offer a scholarship to her. We might also offer money to the choral music program at Lynbrook. See Board Actions below.

We expect to resume CACM activities after the June show, to give chapter members experience in listening, watching, and coaching, and to recognize those who exhibit talent in these areas. We'll also focus on the development of singing and presentation skills.

Also after the June show, we'll be re-instituting short-term quartets, as requested by several members in the members' questionnaire.

Board Actions:

Should the Chapter encourage Lynbrook to enter the (boys only) High School Chorus contest in Tucson on January 21, 2012 (<http://www.barbershop.org/youth-zone/youth-chorus-festival.html>)? Should we offer them financial assistance?

Should the Chapter provide scholarships to the Youth Harmony Camp (September 23-25 in Pollock Pines, <http://www.spebsqsafwd.org/ymih/camp/>)? Should we donate to the Placerville Chapter, which runs the camp?

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