**Palo Alto-Mountain View Chapter Board Meeting**

**Draft minutes from November 4, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am by President Sherman. In attendance were J. Hinkle, D. Morley, D. Kocharhook, L. Valencia, J. Harris, A. Snell, M. Tabry, J. Wanless, and S. Abel, non-voting.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were unanimously approved on motion by Kocharhook, seconded by Morley.

**VP Reports**

Treasurer’s report was submitted. Chapter member donations were grouped and counted by donation amount; 16 members have made donations of $120 or more; 29 members have made donations of less than $120; and 3 other members have made partial and/or in-kind donations to about $120.

Music report was submitted with the addition that Learning Tracks for Our Town have been abridged to match the edits made by the chorus. Section leaders have been encouraged to identify trouble spots in the songs so Music Team can create a targeted learning track. Warmups provided by *bel canto* coach Debra Lynn will be uploaded to Groupanizer shortly.

Membership report will be presented later.

Marketing and Program reports were not submitted.

Reports were unanimously approved on motion by Morley, seconded by Tabry.

**Old Business**

**Mackie FreePlay Portable Sound System**

Valencia reported that he had researched the sound system, and found that the Mackie FreePlay looks good, but needs microphones to be a complete system. As the chapter already owns microphones, it was noted that this should not be a problem. Also, after purchase, the Mackie Freeplay could be used at a chorus rehearsal and returned if not acceptable. The price would be approximately $465 plus tax. A motion to purchase a Mackie FreePlay system was made by Morley, seconded by Kocharhook, and unanimously approved.

**Riser Project**

The City of Sunnyvale has not yet approved the placement of the storage shed. The church is still supportive of the placement of the shed.

**Cabaret**

Paid ticket sales are extremely low, however 101 tickets were out on consignment to chorus members. Serving utensils have not yet been located. Kocharhook would be looking in the current storage shed later that day to make sure they were there. Sound check for quartets will begin at 12:30.

**2017 Far Western District Contest**

The District reported that 1130 men performed on stage.

**Barbershopper of the Quarter, 3rd Quarter 2017.**

After a brief discussion regarding the service of different members, Tabry moved that the 3rd Quarter honoree be Paul Freudenthal for his exemplary snack service. Motion was seconded by Morley and unanimously approved.

**New Business**

**2016 Spring Show**

The payment to one of the guest artists at the 2016 Spring show was to be donated to a youth singing opportunity. No funds were used for Far Western District Youth Harmony Camp, so all funds will be donated to Far Western District Youth Chorus. Additionally, the chorus will be asked for donations for Far Western District Youth Chorus.

**Holiday Party**

Thursday, December 21 will be Chorus Holiday Party Night.

**WestTunes Chapter Digester**

Larry Valencia will represent the chapter to the WestTunes publication.

**BHS Survey**

The Board completed the annual BHS Feedback Survey and results will be reported to the Society.

**2017 Awards**

2017 Rookie of the Year Award was awarded to a particular individual after motion by Morley, second by Kocharhook, and unanimous approval.

2017 Board Award was awarded to a particular individual after motion by Morley, second by Snell, and unanimous approval.

Sherman will report these particular individuals as well as the President’s award to Bert Laurence for engraving. The most recent 3 Barbershoppers of the Year will select the 2017 Barbershopper of the Year.

**Installation Dinner**

The Chapter Installation dinner will be January 14, 2018 from 1PM – 4:30 PM at a cost of $30 per meal. David Haedtler will install the Chapter Board.

**2018 Spring Show**

The San Jose City College theater where we have had previous shows has been secured for Saturday, March 10, 2018.

A plan for creating one big “Spectacular” show with multiple chapters is being investigated. This plan requires at least two years for implementation.

The question was floated to change the schedule of the shows. However, th Music team would not be able to make any changes until 2019, and the idea was dropped.

After a brief discussion of options for guest artist for the Spring Show, the Velvet Frogs were suggested and will be contacted for show pricing.

It was suggested that the Chorus develop a Quartet Sponsor. The role would need to be defined with the goal of bringing headline quartets from outside the chorus standard budget.

**New Members**

No new members were presented for a vote.

**Next Board Meeting**

Next board meeting will be December 2. Location is still to be determined.

**Chapter Development Report**

October attendance:

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|  | Unique Per Month | Average Per Week |
| Tenor | 6 | 3.8 |
| Lead | 11 | 8.3 |
| Baritone | 7 | 4.8 |
| Bass | 14 | 9.8 |
| Other | 4 | 2.5 |
| Total | 42 | 29.2 |

**Good of the Chapter**

**ADJOURNMENT** at 12:15 pm

Respectfully submitted

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VP Marketing/Public Relations
Single-day Deputy Secretary