

Official Minutes Approved by the Board on Saturday, October 8, 2011

Palo Alto – Mountain View Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting, 10:00AM on September 17, 2011 at Dave Kocharhook's Office, 4320 Stevens Creek Blvd, Suite 171, San Jose, CA

Attendance:

President Dave Kocharhook, Music Vice-President Terry Moore, Program Vice-President Gary Miller, Immediate Past President Mark Torrance, Chapter Member Bert Laurence, Member-at-Large Paul Eastman, Secretary Ian Marshall, Chapter Member Chuck Mollett, Chorus Director Steve Sammonds, Chapter Development Vice President John Hinkle (John Hinkle left the meeting at 11:19 AM prior to the end of the meeting)

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:03 AM.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the previous board meeting on August 6, 2011 were approved. Minutes from the board meeting approving a new member on September 10, 2011 were also approved.

Reports

Reports from the Treasurer, Music Vice-President, and Chapter Development Vice-President were accepted unanimously. No reports were presented from the Program Vice-President or Marketing Vice-President

Old Business

Attendance Policy

A motion was made to rescind the attendance policy made at the August 6, 2011 board meeting. Discussion followed during which the point was raised that this policy likely contravened society guidelines for chapters to implement policies affecting who may perform with the chorus. Chorus Director Steve Sammonds will check with the national headquarters of the Barbershop Harmony Society whether this rule is in conflict with any stipulations presently in his contract with the chorus. The motion passed.

2012 Division Contest

This contest will be hosted by the Palo Alto-Mountain View Chapter. The search for a chair for this contest is still ongoing. The general need for a new chorus manager was also discussed.

Cabaret Update

The tickets for Cabaret have been printed. Cabaret Chair Mark Torrance is still considering options for a simple non-lasagna dinner that could be served to fit the "County Fair" theme of the show. The search for a headliner quartet or similar outside act is ongoing. The question of legality of operating a raffle under California

law was discussed, with the need to file paperwork and submit a \$20 fee to the state mentioned. The Secretary will work together with the Treasurer to file the necessary paperwork and pay the necessary fees.

A motion was made to make \$2000 available to the Cabaret chair to begin paying show expenses, and also that the tickets prices should be \$15 and \$10 for adults and children respectively for the afternoon show, and \$25 per person for the evening show. The motion passed.

New Business

Skype for Board Meetings

Since the legality of board meetings via email has been called into question, future board meetings between regular meetings will take place via Skype.

2012 Singing Valentines

A short discussion of pricing options for 2012 Singing Valentines took place, with no final decision made.

Chapter Communication

A motion was made that chapter mailing lists should be reconfigured so that only the President and Marketing Vice-President may send messages to the official chapter mailing list, and other chapter members must have their messages moderated by these individuals before forwarding them to the entire chapter. A discussion on the merits of this proposal took place.

A motion was made to postpone discussion of this motion to a later date, and was passed.

Groupanizer

Problems with the Groupanizer mailing list system were mentioned. The chapter will continue to use Yahoo! Groups for mailing lists until these problems are resolved. A live demonstration of the Groupanizer system will be performed at the chapter meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2011.

House of Delegates Meeting at Upcoming Fresno Convention

Dave Kocharhook will act as delegate for the Palo Alto-Mountain View Chapter, and will confer with the chapter regarding issues to be voted on at that meeting.

The next board meeting will be on Saturday, October 1 at 10:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned.