

PAMV Chapter BHS

Music VP Report for September 17, 2011 Board Meeting

The Music Team met on September 7.

We discussed how to encourage mastery of the words and notes for our songs and decided to recommend to the Board that the Standard previously proposed be dropped, as its implementation would require extensive coordination with the Nashville headquarters. The Attendance Policy should also be rescinded for the same reason.

We are still committed to accuracy in notes and words and will be offering learning assistance to any member to needs it. We reiterated the goal of success for all in our singing brotherhood. We'll be emphasizing that knowing the words and notes is a courtesy to the other chapter members, and helps everyone enjoy singing more; it is part of supporting the Chapter and is not optional.

We'll be providing a list of songs in the repertoire soon.

Over a dozen PAMV members attended Harmony College West on August 19-20.

The Learn to Read Music seminars taught by Chris Phoenix were attended by up to 12 people, including some not in the Chapter. Students seemed to understand the topics Chris covered, but will need to review at home to retain the knowledge.

Voice Lessons return on September 13. The single class will include returning students and new ones. Paul will try to provide advanced guidance to those he knows can benefit from it, while not leaving newcomers in the dust.

Organized activities for quartets at chapter meetings now include tags as well as PoleCat songs. Quartet time will be during the Voice Lessons time, early in the evening.

Martin Fredstrom, champion bass and Presentation judge candidate, coached the chorus at our Peninsulaires College on September 10, concentrating on the two contest songs, "I'll Be Seeing You" and "You Make Me Feel So Young". He modified some of our moves and suggested ways to engage the audience better. Steve introduced new riser positions. Steve sent an email to the Chapter summarizing the day.

Requested Board Actions:

1. Rescind attendance policy adopted at previous Board meeting.
2. Drop further discussion of the motion to adopt a standard for knowing words and notes.

Upcoming musical dates:

9/13-10/18 Voice Lessons

9/18 Sing at San Jose Giants playoff game (if it occurs) – Steve will notify the Chapter

9/23-25 Youth Harmony Camp in Pollock Pines

10/14-15 FWD Convention in Fresno

10/25-12/13 Holiday Chorus rehearsals

11/5 Cabaret

12/17 Sing at Palo Alto Farmers Market

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