

## **Music VP Report**

### **June 2019**

- Music Team met on May 18, 2019 and discussed several topics:
  - Standard Repertoire – We are retiring the following songs from the performance repertoire:
    - Gang That Sang Heart of My Heart
    - Jukebox Saturday Night
    - Let Me Call You Sweetheart
    - Little Pal
    - Take Me Out to the Ballgame
    - Way Down Yonder in New Orleans
  - To replace these six songs we are identifying options based on the Sean Gavin Thomas (SGT) learning tracks we already own. You may recall that the Chapter purchases a library of tracks in Jan 2018. There are more than 350 songs for which we have tracks. Some of the charts are not currently available from BHS. We can submit for approval to perform and copy but the question is cost. VP Music is checking with BHS to get an estimated cost for approval and copies. I will compare that to the cost of copies only for charts available from BHS. This will help determine our course of action.
  - Two of our selected songs have charts and tracks:
    - Each Time I Fall In Love (arranged by S.K. Grundy)
    - Fit As a Fiddle (arranged by Clay Hine)
- The team also discussed Contest Songs. For District Contest (October 2019) we will again perform A Wink and A Smile. We agreed that Hello My Baby may be able to replace Blue Velvet. Immediately after the Vocal Clinic, Director will work on these three songs. A decision will be made by the end of August whether or 2<sup>nd</sup> Contest song will be Blue Velvet or Hello My Baby.

- Contest Songs for 2020 are projected to be:
  - Hello My Baby
  - Mandy Lee
- We are considering options to adjust our performance uniform and replace our travel uniform. The current blue short sleeve travel uniform shirts are no longer available. We believe we should also replace the purple long sleeve Class A uniform shirt at the same time. Our thought is that the both the Class A and Travel Uniform shirts be the same color and that we have one long sleeve and one short sleeve shirt. We would also replace the khaki travel pants with black pants. Black will match much better than the various shades of khaki. We intend to keep the silver vest and silver tie as part of the Class A Uniform.

VP Music has purchased samples of six shirt colors so far. All have been rejected. Two more colors are being ordered. We hope to have something to present to the men by mid-June.

- The Music Team agreed that we should identify and purchase a quality barbershop arrangement for Happy Birthday. This song is frequently requested for quartet performances and we honor the birthdays of members every week.