

## **Music VP Report**

### **August 2019**

- We have received approval to perform and make 50 copies of If I Could Write A Song. Tracks are on Groupanizer.
- The chart from the Society for If I Could Write A Song came as a photo copy of the chart on file. The quality is poor. Fortunately, Ric King has provided me with a much cleaner copy and I will be uploading that to Groupanizer.
- At our July 25 rehearsal it was decided that our two contest songs for District Convention 2019 will be On A Wonderful Day Like Today and A Wink and A Smile.
- For On A Wonderful Day Like Today, Director and Coach (Chris Hebert) felt that the existing intro does not sing well for The Peninsulaires. As a result, when we get into the first verse we have no momentum, are flat and take 4 to 6 measures to get back on track. As a result, Director has proposed an alternative intro. The other option is to drop the intro idea entirely and start the song at verse one. That decision will be made in the next few weeks.
- Members of The Peninsulaires participated in the Memorial Services for Butch Logan and Channel Wasson. The families of the former members were very appreciative of our participation.
- Attendance at rehearsals has been spotty in July. Part of that is due to summer vacations. Part is due to work commitments. The challenge will be to get those who missed the coaching session with Chris H. to receive and internalize his teaching. Much of it we have heard before, but Chris' examples and explanations are often presented from a different point of view. Whether or not

the members who were not able to attend that session watch the video is unknown. I suspect most will not. Director will certainly reinforce the messaging, but the impact will not be quite the same.

- The only “new” piece of music we have not formally acquired is an updated version of Happy Birthday. It’s been discussed and we have identified an arrangement, but it has not been a priority.
- VP Music intends to have a Music Team meeting in August (ideally around a regular Thursday rehearsal) to begin looking at Holiday music. Do we have sufficient number of books already prepared? Which songs will we perform? Is there a need to swap out any music for newer material?
- A new uniform has been selected by the Board. We will have a long and short sleeve shirt of the same color (lavender) that will be embroidered. A black pre-tied tie will be worn with the current vest as the Class A uniform. Standard black trousers (without the tux stripe) will be the look for Class B. For Class B, men could wear either the short sleeve or long sleeve shirt (since they will be the same color.)