

Music VP Report September 2019

August was a busy and productive month involving multiple performances and coaching sessions:

- Saturday, Aug 17 the chorus performed at Palo Alto Farmer's Market. We had a good showing with 22 men attending. This time we did two longer sets and finished before 11:30. This enabled the chorus to move to the Elks lodge for the second show that day.
- The same day we performed at the Elks lodge during their annual picnic. The mix of performers changed a little with a few leaving and others arriving. Our performance was very well received.
- Chris Hebert delivered another coaching session on Thursday, Aug 22. He commented multiple times on the progress the chorus has made since his July session. During the evening we worked on Wonderful Day Like Today, Wink and A Smile, Hello My Baby and Blue Velvet. Chris provided clear and focused coaching to each section on each song. The impact was positive and immediate.
- Mike Cating delivered performance coaching on Thursday, Aug 29. To large degree, the men retained the singing progress they had made from the previous week's coaching by Chris. Mike then layered focused, specific movements onto our performance. The movements are simple, subtle, appropriate for the message/emotion at that point in the song, and easy to remember.

- On the movements, Jerry's video from Aug 29 clearly shows what was added. The instruction for the men is to review the video and practice the moves until they become second nature.

In other items,

- The Music Team Meeting was postponed to September due to multiple scheduling conflicts.
- Since the update to the repertoire, a new Table of Contents for music books has been created. VP Music needs to ensure that gets distributed to the men.
- Our Thursday, Oct 10 rehearsal is being rescheduled to Tuesday, Oct 8. Some chorus members travel to the District convention on Thursday. Adjusting the rehearsal date ensures we have the most singers for the final rehearsal before contest. Arrangements have been made with the Elks Lodge to accommodate this change.
- New uniforms have been ordered. Delivery is anticipated by the end of September.