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Palo Alto – Mountain View Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting, 10:00 AM on April 7, 2012 at John Hinkle's Office, 2007 West Hedding St., San Jose, CA

Attendance:

Membership VP John Hinkle, Immediate Past President Dave Kocharhook, Secretary Ian Marshall, President Chuck Mollett, Treasurer Dave Morley, Member-at-Large Jeff Harris, Program VP Gary Miller, Music VP Terry Moore, Member-at-Large Paul Eastman, Marketing VP Nigel Endersby

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:01 AM.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the previous board meeting on March 7, 2012 were approved.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

There are still some uniform payments to be made by members. Funds in 2012 have been going down, but imminent riser rental and spring show income should help to mitigate this.

Music Vice President's Report

There was a general discussion about the need for chorus members to take their responsibility to learn notes and words more seriously. Several methods were suggested, including more use of sectionals and very-large quartets, and having section leaders wander amongst members during songs to check on knowledge of notes. Positive initiatives taken so far were mentioned, including using a "scattered" arrangement of singers that allows members to rely on other members of their section less, and having pre-rehearsal sessions for members who feel the need to catch up on knowledge of words, notes, and moves. Attached to the Music VP's report was also a draft version of a guide for new chapter members, this was not discussed in detail but will be discussed at the next board meeting after board members have had the opportunity to read the draft.

Chapter Development Report

Preparations for the singer's clinic continue.

Marketing Report

A press release for the voice clinic will be issued this week, a first draft of the press release for the spring show is being prepared.

Spring Show Report

Additional flyers for promoting the spring show will be distributed at the next rehearsal.

Program Report

No report was submitted, although a question was raised about whether CACM was still being implemented in the lead-up to contest, with the general consensus being that CACM was being implemented albeit to a lesser extent than in previous months.

A motion to receive the Treasurer's report and accept all other reports as submitted was made and passed.

Old Business

Uniform Committee

Almost all new shirts, vests, and ties have now been distributed to chorus members.

New Business

Harmony Foundation

Chuck Mollett will make more mention of the possibility to donate to Harmony Foundation at future chapter meetings.

Nomination Committee

Nomination committee (Dave Morley, John Jones, Mark Torrance) will start looking for new board members, including a replacement for the Secretary leaving the chapter in October.

Spring Show

The budget for the show will be sent out to the board by Jeff Harris.

Online email service

A suggestion was made to subscribe to an online service like "Constant Contact" or similar for sending mass e-mails to promote shows and other events. Dave Kocharhook will produce a proposal for the board to vote on for subscribing to a mass-mail web service

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 AM.