

PAMV Chapter BHS

Music VP Report for April 7, 2012 Board Meeting

The Music Team met on March 28. We continue to discuss approaches to encourage and assist chapter members to learn notes/words quicker and better, but haven't yet found an easy solution; this is a top priority for the music team, as poor learning discourages the music team leadership. Also, having the long-term members know the music well makes our chapter more attractive to visitors (potential new members).

While we don't want to precipitate another August 2011 crisis, we do want every member to commit to learning new songs within a few weeks, rather than the many months it took for our new contest songs (Always and Liar's Medley). We believe that the Board should re-emphasize the need for every member to support the Chapter by:

1. committing to a job in the chapter (e.g., refreshments, setup, teardown, chapter development committee, publicity committee, singout/quartet booking, uniform acquisition, Board member, ...).
2. taking individual responsibility for learning his part. (If I don't know the words and notes, it's not the section leader's or director's or coach's fault, but mine. They can help, but it's ultimately my responsibility.)

Establishment of a new member orientation program (which might also be beneficial for guys who joined in the last year) might help to establish a culture of volunteerism and shared commitment to quality, and also to help new members feel part of the chapter quicker, which would probably enhance retention of new members. See the separate document, Guide for New Members (Draft), for a shopping list of some possible topics to be covered.

(On the positive side, the chorus seemed to perform much better on April 3. But why wait until two weeks before the contest to get serious?)

Jeff Harris and Ric King, co-chairs of the May 6 show, will make a separate report.

Upcoming musical dates:

4/14 FWD-NW Convention, Woodside
4/17 Sing at Channing House
5/6 Spring Show (Jeff Harris and Ric King)
5/15-6/19 Voice Clinic I for guests or chapter members
7/1-8 International Convention, Portland OR
7/4 Sing at San Jose Giants game
6/26-7/31 Voice Clinic II for chapter members
7/20-22 Harmony College West, Redlands
7/29-8/5 Harmony University, St. Joseph MO
9/21-23 Youth Harmony Camp, Pollock Pines
10/11-14 FWD Convention, Mesa AZ
? Cabaret (?)

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