

Final version of the minutes approved by the board October 6, 2012

Palo Alto – Mountain View Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting, 10:00 AM on September 15, 2012 at John Hinkle's Office, 2007 West Hedding St., San Jose, CA

Attendance:

President Chuck Mollett, Chapter Member Bert Laurence, Chapter Development VP John Hinkle, Chapter Member Jordan Makower, Secretary Ian Marshall, Chapter Member Bill Faught, Member-at-Large Paul Eastman, Immediate Past President Dave Kocharhook, Marketing VP Nigel Endersby, Program VP Gary Miller, Music VP Terry Moore, Member-at-Large Jeff Harris

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:02 AM.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the previous board meeting on August 11, 2012 were approved without changes.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

There is continuing concern about the falling bank account balance.

Music VP Report

The report was presented.

Chapter Development VP Report

There are six new members for this year so far, but member retention remains the main issue in maintaining and growing chorus size. The singer's clinic still seems to be the best way of obtaining new members. Some enthusiastic members from singers' clinic are not passing auditions. Rehearsals for Holiday Chorus will begin on October 23.

Contact with the Barbershop Harmony Society's Harold Hill program has yielded a suggestion to invite 'big name' groups to attract new members, either through involvement in shows or at chapter meetings. There was an idea for collaboration with a high school group to attract parents as potential members.

A starting date for the singer's clinic in 2013 has been tentatively set as February 5, 2013.

Marketing VP Report

No advertising for the Cabaret show has been issued yet as organizers are waiting for photographs of the headliner quartet to include.

Program VP

No report was submitted for this meeting.

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

Old Business

Guide for New Members

Jeff Harris and John Hinkle have prepared a draft of this guide. During the discussion there was a suggestion to split the prepared guide into two documents - one for singers considering joining and one for singers who have recently joined. Jeff will work on implementing this suggestion.

Cabaret

Canzonet will be the headliner quartet for the Cabaret shows. A motion was made to adopt the ticket prices and budget submitted to the board. The motion passed.

New Business

Spring Show 2014

A motion was made to authorize Dave Kocharhook to approach venues for 2014 shows to ascertain availability and details, but not to submit any deposit without further board approval. The motion passed.

Program VP Position

The Music Team has discussed the future role of the program VP position.

The nominating committee will search for a Program VP for 2013. Once a nominee is identified the committee and the nominee will determine the exact nature of the position in a collaborative manner, with an emphasis on planning and running weekly meetings. The question of extending the Program VP role beyond weekly meetings to other chapter events will be part of this discussion.

The annual general meeting of the chapter, including officer elections, will take place on Tuesday, October 9.

House of Delegates Meeting

President Chuck Mollett has nominated Jim Sherman as chapter representative at the House of Delegates Meeting in Mesa.

Holiday Chorus

Dave Kocharhook has identified a number of contact individuals for performances at south bay area malls - there is presently list of 12-15 places where there could be performances. Dave Kocharhook and Bert Laurence will approach these potential holiday chorus venues and coordinate with Mark Torrance and Steve Sammonds (as directors) to develop a holiday chorus program. There will be a focus on Tuesday evenings and weekends, with attempts made to have multiple events back-to-back.

Good of the chapter

Ian Marshall was thanked for his service as Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 PM.