

## **PAMV Chapter BHS Music & Performance VP Report for March 2, 2013 Board Meeting**

The Music Team last met on January 23.

The new riser position against the north wall has reduced the tendency of chorus members to watch the door instead of the director, thus facilitating improved attention to the details of our singing.

Joshua has started to assist with warmups, bringing a fresh approach and generating interest.

A number of men have been arriving at 6:30 or so each Tuesday evening to practice quartetting skills, coached by Jim Sherman. The men attending are generally motivated to learn, rather than just to gang-sing, so improvement has occurred.

In our effort to improve the singing quality in the chorus, we've identified several men who don't adequately know the words and notes of songs in our repertoire. Paul has talked with them, encouraging them to work on the songs to improve their performance so they become an asset rather than a liability to the chorus during public performances. In order to keep the process simple, we've specified three songs ("Armed Forces Medley", "Liar's Medley", and "Overture") we expect our members to know. Here "know" means to have a good grasp of the song (words, key changes, rhythm, phrasing), but not necessarily to sing it perfectly. Members who don't meet this standard in the eyes of the Director won't perform publicly with the chorus, although they're welcome to rehearse with the chorus. Most regular attendees at chapter meetings meet this standard; there are only a few who don't. [Note: The Director's contract gives him the right to decide who will perform with the chorus.]

- Terry Moore, VP of Music and Performance

Upcoming musical dates:

3/9 Harmony Sweepstakes Semi-Finals in San Francisco

3/21-24 FWD-NW Convention (Lodi)

4/? Chorus Workshop

4/18-21 SAI Region 12 Convention (Reno)

5/18 Spring Show (Santa Clara)

5/28 Start of Voice Clinic

6/16 World Music Day performance in Palo Alto

6/30-7/7 International Convention (Toronto, ONT, Canada)

7/28-8/4 Harmony University (St. Joseph, MO)

8/16-18 Harmony College West (Hayward)

8/23-25 High Sierra Harmony Brigade (Reno)

10/10-13 FWD Convention (Bakersfield)