

PAMV Chapter BHS Music & Performance VP Report for October 5, 2013 Board Meeting

The Music Team has not met recently, due to our Director's other activities making selection of a meeting time difficult. We plan to meet on Saturday afternoon, October 12, at the FWD convention.

Chorus members seem to have a greater commitment to quality singing than was evident a few months ago, and our performance in practice has improved. We need to maintain that quality on stage at Bakersfield and at our Cabaret show.

We're scheduled to be the fourth chorus (of 25 contestants) on stage at the FWD convention, so will be on early. Chorus members need a good night's sleep on Friday, preferably in Bakersfield, to perform well. Constellation (Mark's quartet) will be competing on Friday, so we'll want to be there to cheer them on, as well as to hear other excellent FWD quartets. Dave W and Terry M will be participating in the informal Harmony Platoon quartet competition Thursday and Friday before the regular FWD quartet competition.

Steve and Mark have been juggling clinic teaching and chorus directing during the 7:30-9:00 part of the chapter meetings. Other directors (Joshua, Dave K, Jeff) for the Cabaret show have gained experience, but still have a long way to go before rivaling Steve's clear and subtle directing techniques. Their skills are adequate to lead the chorus in a song the chorus already knows, but are inadequate for indicating interpretation and multi-part sequencing in a new song. The chapter should consider urging or even underwriting their attendance at Directors' College next summer in Nashville.

The Voice Clinic has attracted many students, with at least one considering joining the chapter. Selected students in the Voice Clinic will be invited to sing with the Peninsulaires for the Holiday Chorus, but there will not be a general invitation to all students. From past experience, some students do not sing well enough to enhance the musical quality of the Holiday Chorus. The HC needs to be high-quality to attract potential members.

After the Convention, Steve will be out (at musical theater rehearsals) until after the Cabaret.

- Terry Moore, VP of Music and Performance

Upcoming musical dates:

9/10-10/15 Voice Clinic

10/10-13 FWD Convention (Bakersfield)

11/16 Cabaret show (Palo Alto)

11/23 Leadership Academy (COTS) [with a Director's class?] (Sacramento)

12/1 Filoli?

12/8 Caltrain Holiday Train (Sunnyvale)

12/14 Farmers Market performance (Palo Alto)