

Minutes December 7, 2013

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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 December 7, 2013 at John Hinkle's office, 2007 West Hedding St., San Jose, CA.

Attendance:

President Dave Kocharhook, Treasurer Dave Morley, Secretary Bill Faught, Program VP Bert Laurence, Member-at-Large Jeff Harris, VP Marketing Nigel Endersby, VP Music Terry Moore, Member-at-Large Jim Sherman, Chapter Member Andy Maurer.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:00 AM.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the previous board meetings on November 2, November 19, and November 26, 2013, were approved without change.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

The chapter's funds are much better than last year. The Cabaret Show made over \$3400. The annual ASCAP fee has been paid. Reimbursement statements from music purchases and director's hours have not been received in a timely manner.

Music VP Report

No meeting. A side discussion of the chapter's PO Box concluded that we will keep it for now.

Chapter Development VP Report

We recently accepted three new members; all were originally from our Singer's Clinics.

Marketing VP Report

We were able to get a lot of printing for free for the Cabaret Show. We are attempting to reduce the size of the mailing list. Valentine flyers will be mailed right after Christmas.

Program VP Report

See New Business below. An agenda for our December performances was emailed.

A motion to accept the reports was approved without dissent.

Old Business

Board Award Recipient – A recipient was selected for this award.

2014 Spring Show Update – Dave Kocharhook volunteered to be show chairman. He will push to get the script and the songs early next year.

Final Cabaret Income Report – See the Treasurer's report above.

Valentines – Five quartets were identified as being able to do Valentines next year. Flyers were reviewed and will be mailed in late December.

Guest Director – We are still identifying possible guest directors. While the the Singer's Clinic is in session might be a good opportunity to use them.

New Business

Preparing for Performances – Do's and Don't's – There was a lengthy discussion of how to conduct the last few rehearsals before a performance (e.g. Cabaret or a contest). The consensus was: (a) Any feedback that causes singer's to think a lot during the subsequent performance is distracting. (b) As a guideline, almost no corrective feedback should be given in the last week: The last week is for confidence-building, not fixing. The Music VP and the President will work with the music leadership team to review the topic.

Q4 Barbershopper Award – A recipient was selected for this award.

No Strings Attached – The latest issue of the Harmonizer magazine is devoted to the concept of "No Strings Attached" which encourages barbershoppers to facilitate singing in their community, whether barbershop singing or not. Several ideas were discussed about how that might apply to our chapter.

The meeting was adjourned with the Good of the Chapter at 11:28.