

Minutes July 12, 2014

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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 July 12, 2014 at John Hinkle's office, 2007 West Hedding St., San Jose, CA.

Attendance:

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

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:06 AM.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the previous board meeting on June 7, 2014, were approved without change.

Reports

Treasurer's Report and Financial Review

Halfway through the year, the annual budget is on target. We are still missing the 2014 show deposit refund. We will need to switch to a different credit card company (used for show tickets etc).

Music VP Report

The music team had a good meeting with Sean Abel in attendance (described in the Music VP's report).

Chapter Development VP Report

The Voice Clinic went well. There were 17 signups, 14 attendees, and one candidate member. The next Voice Clinic will probably be next spring.

There was a long discussion about how to make guests feel welcome and give them a good experience on regular chapter meeting nights. One suggestion was that the entire chorus should know 2-3 tags (just like we know Polecats) which we could sing with guests during break time.

Andy emphasized the need to have a singout in September and targeted singouts in December to give members more performances to look forward to.

Marketing VP Report

No report. Business cards were mentioned as a task for marketing; however we need to get through the director and meeting night transition to finalize the card contents.

Program VP Report

No report. The Program VP was identified as the guy who solicits and schedules singouts for the chorus.

A motion to accept the reports was approved without dissent.

Old Business

Voice Clinic

Covered above in the Development Report.

Director Search and Chapter Rehearsal Day

The board reviewed the chapter meetings that Sean Abel has attended and directed, and comments received by members, and decided to pursue Sean as our next director.

A motion to pursue signing a contract with Sean Abel as Music Director was passed unanimously.

After much discussion, the board decided to use mostly the same compensation package that our previous director Steve Sammonds had.

Sean is not available on Tuesday nights. Over the past few weeks, Jim Sherman polled the chorus to determine if Wednesday or Thursday night would be better. Thursday was found to be the night to lose the fewest members.

A motion to change the chapter meeting night to Thursday night no later than August 7, 2014, was passed unanimously.

There were long discussions about various points in the contract. For the most part, the previous contract will be used. John Hinkle and Jim Sherman are tasked with finalizing the contract with Sean.

The target night to move the chapter meeting to Thursday is July 31.

2014 Cabaret Show

Brannigan will be the headliner quartet. The show will be at the same location as last year – St. Albert the Great in Palo Alto.

2015 Annual Show

There was an extensive discussion of whether or not to try a new format for the 2015 Spring Show. Concerns were: (a) too much like the Cabaret show; (b) the chorus needs to be in a theater performance once a year; (c) our chapter quartets are not good enough to take a major role. These and other concerns will be addressed at a future board meeting.

Chapter Picnic July 19

Over 40 people have signed up.

Do's and Don't of posting recorded performances(Nigel)

Nigel was not able to get replies from the Society offices. He will pursue this next month.

Barbershopper of the Quarter – 2nd Qtr

A motion was passed to select the Barbershopper of the Quarter – 2nd Qtr.

New Business

CalTrain Performance(Bert)

Bert has already signed us up for this.

Holiday Chorus(Bert)

We will sing at holiday events in December. The makeup of the chorus was not discussed.

SJ Giants 8/3(Sun) or 8/19(Tues)

Sunday, August 3, was selected as the day for the SJ Giants performance.

Quartet Singouts for Recruiting(Bill F)

There was a discussion about quartets singing in informal venues (e.g. street corners in downtown Palo Alto, Mountain View, etc.) to aid in recruiting. The major concern is that the quartet's performance would be poor enough to give our chapter and quartetting a bad name.

There is a policy that a quartet must be approved before it sings in one of our shows. Such a quartet is approved to sing in informal venues as representing the Peninsulaires. In addition, a single member of such a quartet can be replaced with a singer from another approved quartet and still be an approved quartet.

There was a suggestion that approved quartets should go sing public informal gigs on their rehearsal nights.

There is also a proposal to have a VLQ set of singers who are approved for informal quartetting. A quartet could be made up of such singers on the fly and be an approved quartet.

Further discussion of how to get more quartets singing in informal venues was postponed until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with the Good of the Chapter at 12:20 PM.
