

# **PAMV Chapter BHS Music & Performance Report for August 9, 2014 Board Meeting**

The Music Team last met on June 18. Our next meeting will probably be on September 3.

**New Director.** Sean Abel started as our new Director on July 31. His initial focus has been:

1. Sean becoming familiar with the current repertoire.
2. Chorus learning the new song "Do You Remember?"
3. Sean getting to know the chorus members, including the several assistant directors.

He has also been restructuring the chapter meetings:

1. "Warm-up" time has changed to "craft session" with an emphasis on teaching new skills or refining current skills.
2. There is a sing-through-a-bunch-of-songs part of the evening.
3. The meeting now extends an additional 15 minutes to 10:30.

The chorus seems to be accepting these innovations and enjoys working with Sean. We've had a few visitors, including former PAMV members, from the VIH chorus where Sean sings.

**Quartet activities.** Quartetting at the chapter meeting will resume on August 21.

**Assistant Director Training.** Our new director has been commissioned by Greg Lyne, FWD's head of Chorus Director Development, to develop an assistant director training and coaching program. He will use our chapter as his proving ground, helping our assistant directors to improve their skills without the need to attend training programs elsewhere.

**Spring Show.** Dave K proposed a new format for the show: a speakeasy/nightclub theme in a non-theater space. We'd have round tables with snack food and drinks, but not our traditional Lasagna dinner. The Music Team generally supports the proposed new format, but needs the Board and Chapter to express their support for the idea to work.

**Still on the Music Team's agenda:**

- Develop written policies for chapter quartets, addressing issues such as which quartets will perform on chapter shows, which quartets may advertise themselves as representing the chapter, and BHS registration requirements.
- Develop a common quartet repertoire to allow easier substitution for a temporarily-unavailable quartet member.
- Determine the role(s) of assistant directors at chapter meetings and performances.
- Formalize the procedure of scheduling chorus singouts.
- Encourage better participation in singouts. (How?)

Ideas from Board members on these topics are welcome.

- Terry Moore, VP of Music and Performance

**Upcoming musical dates:**

8/16 Farmers' Market singout (Palo Alto) **[we need more signups]**

8/16 Devil Mountain Chorus barbecue (Walnut Creek)

8/22 SJ Giants singout (San Jose) **[we need more signups]**

9/19-21 Youth Harmony Camp (Pollock Pines)

10/9-12 FWD Convention (Fresno)

11/15 Cabaret Show (Palo Alto)

12/6 Holiday Train singout (Mountain View)