PAMV Chapter BHS Music & Performance Report for September 3, 2014 Board Meeting

The Music Team met on September 3 in Sean Abel's office.

Quartet auditions for Cabaret show. The 6 chapter quartets are invited to audition for spots on the Cabaret show. Two quartets per evening will perform at the September 11, 18, and 25 chapter meetings the one or two songs they'd like to perform on the show. After the meetings, the Music Team will discuss (perhaps via email) each quartet and decide whether the quartet and song meet the following criteria: (1) know all the words and notes [performance errors are OK] (2) exhibit a consistent pitch center (3) sing with a consistent and pleasant tone quality (4) use good phrasing and sing to the end of each phrase (5) arrangement is consistent with the quartet's abilities.

Quartets representing the Chapter. When the Chapter is asked to perform, but the venue or timing do not permit the Peninsulaires Chorus to perform, quartets may be asked to represent the chapter instead of the full chorus. In order to be considered for such performances, a quartet should provide a list of songs they are ready to perform. The Directory will choose two songs from the list and ask the quartet to perform them immediately. Assuming the quality is adequate (see criteria above), the quartet will in the future be considered for representing the chapter. There is presently no timetable for implementing this plan. These criteria do not apply to private parties at which a quartet may perform.

Quartet activities. We're still considering what quartet activities will occur at chapter meetings.

Selection of Chorus Repertoire. The Music team, led by the Director, has a list of songs to be considered for addition to the repertoire for future performances. We've released three of these at the 9/4 chapter meeting, to be worked on starting in December. We also plan to consider the supplemental PoleCat songs when they are published by BHS.

New Director. We are pleased with our new Director, and the chorus seems to be enjoying the new activities he's introduced.

- Terry Moore, VP of Music and Performance

Upcoming musical dates:

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) 1/? Channing House (Palo Alto) 2/13-14 Valentines