

Kansas City, MO Chapter
of the Barbershop Harmony Society
**Minutes for November 9, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting ,
Nov 2009 Online Meetings (Addendum #1 and #2)**

Meeting Location: St. Thomas More Church
118th and Holmes
Kansas City, MO 64131
Scheduled start time: 6:00PM

Board Members:

Present:, Kent Miller, John Erwine, Carl Turlin, Brad Dawdy, Mark Fortino, Vince Perry, Harvey Shapiro , David Miller, Bob Murphy, Chuck Ames, Tony Strub, and Rich Huyck
Absent: Doug Brott and Mike Schumacher

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Mike Mathieu- 2010 Board Member at Large Elect, Jim Porter- 2010 Treasurer Elect, Jim Kemper - 2010 Board Member at Large Elect, and Singing Valentine Co-chair Marlin Weidler

Proceedings:

1. *Meeting called to order* at 6:03 p.m. by Executive Vice President, Kent Miller.
-The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved with paragraph 6. E. being added.
2. *October 2009 meeting minutes with Online minutes* (attached) were reviewed and approved as submitted after changing the accounting reference in paragraph 3 to 310S.
3. *Finance report (attached)* provided by Treasurer, Harvey Shapiro:
- As of 10/31/2009 the Operating/Social fund was \$10,618.97 & Restricted Fund was \$10,075.32
-The Board agreed that the Marbles/Harmony Foundation Program accounting period would end on 12/31/2009 since the Chapter Officer's Training School (time and place of presenting the Chapter's donation check for the year) is in February 2010.
The finance reports submitted for October 2009 was reviewed and approved.

4. Vice Presidents' Reports

- A. Marketing/Public Relations report* by Vice President Brad Dawdy
- 600 flyers for the Holiday Show have been distributed and more are on order.
 - Dawdy reported that he has received very little response from TV stations for on air plugs for the annual Holiday Show.
 - The Holiday Show program is in the final stages of editing and will be sent to the printer soon.
 - Mike Mathieu commented that it seems every chapter except HOA has a wonderful show program complete with lots of paid ads. He added: "It's free money, we need to do it."
 - Kent Miller explained that it costs approximately \$4000 for 1000 twenty-four page programs in full color. He indicated that it takes a lot work to have a 24 page ad filled

program and the most important thing up front is to find a person who is willing to put in the time to be the chairman.

-HOA has agreed to do a concert in Richmond, MO on Saturday, June 5, 2010 for \$2200. It will be a two hour concert including a 10 minute intermission. A formal contract will be forth coming.

B. *Operations report* provided by Vice President, David Miller:

- Miller thanked Chuck Ames for taking over weekly operations during his recent illness.
- All arrangements for the Holiday Show risers are in place.
- Miller said that he and Chuck Ames will “coach” Jim Clark - 2010 Operations VP Elect so that the job transition will be smooth.

C. *Music & Performance report* by Vice President Mark Fortino

- Fortino requested copies of the director and assistance director contracts so he can review.
- Music Team is scheduled to meet this Sunday, November 14th with hopes of selecting the songs for International Contest in Philadelphia next July.
- Fortino announced that the Fremont Pathfinders Chorus, CSD 2009 AAA Plateau Champions may be asked to participate in the 2010 Harmony Festival.
- Music Team will also discuss whether to recommend to the Board that regular meetings be suspended for the three Tuesday nights following the Caroling Caravan starting on December 22nd so that the Music Team can conduct the new chorus auditions process.
- Fortino re-emphasized that the underlying goal of the music team’s actions is to get the chorus to always improve and to sing at the highest possible level at any given time.

D. *Program report (attached)* by Vice President Carl Turlin:

- Highlights of the October Programs included: watching the dvd of the HOA performance in Lincoln; David teaching the tag “I’ve Got A Pal”; Stew Grosser giving a brief explanation of the lyrics in the song “Light The Legend”; the send-off before contest including performances by ListenUp!, Chordtime, and the 4TNO’s.
- HOA had its first garage sale in 10+ years at Mike and Linda Schumacher’s house with net profits of \$840; Turlin recommends another in the spring with a chosen coordinator, more prep time, a better location and storage facility.
- The Installing Officer for 2010 Installation/Awards Banquet set for January 9th at the Overland Park Doubletree Hotel is CSD President Don Blank. Performing quartets will be Prime cut and the 4TNO’s.
- MOTION: Adopt the following “HOA Health Event Policy: If a person has a health event at a chapter meeting or function, that person will make all decisions as to his health care if he is conscience and cognizant of his condition. If the person is not conscience or is not cognizant of his medical condition then 911 will be called immediately after which the person’s family will be notified of the situation.”;seconded and passed.

E. *Membership report (attached)* by Vice President John Erwine:

- Since last Board meeting membership has shown a rebound in the number of guests to 19 of which 9 are potential candidates for membership.
- MOTION- Accept Dan Tilson (lead) for membership into the Kansas City, Mo Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society pending approval by the music team; seconded and approved.
- Erwine is in the process of forming a task force of young people to see what their ideas are in recruiting members in the 20-30 age range.

5. Old Business:

A. *Performance Opportunity for Arts KC Council*-updated by Executive Vice President Kent Miller:

- Miller encouraged all to publicize the meeting and make all chapter aware of it as soon as possible so they can get it on their calendars. It is a great opportunity for the chapter and since it does happen during the lunch time period on a weekday, it is even more important that members plan ahead and clear their schedules. The performance date is Friday, March 5, 2010 at Starlight Theater with exact time to be announced later.

B. *Holiday Show discussion*:

- Rich Huyck, ticket chair for the Holiday Show reported that at present that 43% of the house has been sold for the matinee while 20% of the house has been sold for the evening performance.

C. *Singing Valentines* -Update presented by Singing Valentine co-chair John Erwine:

- 2010 SV Committee (John Erwine and Marlin Weidler- co-chairmen, Mike Mathieu, Vince Perry, Brad Dawdy, and Ron McIntire) have met.

-Weidler explained what Google Voice is all about and how it could possibly replace the phone in service used in the past for Singing Valentines saving the chapter around one thousand dollars in Singing Valentine overhead expenses.

-(The Google Voice demonstration was conducted at the board meeting at this time though out of order of the printed agenda.)

-After much discussion the Board agreed that no decision to use Google Voice over the regular phone in service was needed at this time. The SV committee will continue to study the feasibility of the new service and will bring any recommendations for change back to the Board at a later time.

D. *KC International Convention 2011* report -Update presented by HOA Convention Co-chair Mike Mathieu:

-Mathieu passed out the Organization Chart for the Convention entitled 2011 International Host Chapter Convention Team- it is attached.

-At present, three of the five Coordinator positions have been filled.

-The slogan for the convention will be "Home Sweet Harmony"

-The KC Conventions and Visitors Bureau is working with the committee chairs in developing the official convention logo.

-Mathieu stated that the convention pins need to be in hand to sell in Philadelphia next summer.

6. New Business:

A. *Harmonotes - Printing vs. On-line* led by Executive Vice President Kent Miller:

-The Board discussed this issue at length.

-MOTION: Discontinue printing the Chapter's monthly bulletin called the Harmonotes indefinitely and post a pdf copy of the bulletin on the Chapter web site; seconded and passed with one dissenting vote by Secretary Vince Perry. (Note: President Brott ruled that this will become effective with the January 2010 Edition of the Harmonotes.)

B. *Google Phone demonstration* - conducted by Singing Valentine Co-chair Marlin Weidler earlier in the meeting -see paragraph 5.C.

C. *International 2010:*

-Mike Mathieu reported that the contest venue in Philadelphia will be a flat floor meeting hall much like that used in Miami.

-Mathieu is attending the FAM trip as a representative of the 2011 International Convention Host Chapter. He will be looking specifically as to where to effectively place the 2011 Pre Sales Convention Booth.

D. *Familiarization (FAM) Trip to Philadelphia:*

-MOTION: Pay Chorus Manager Vince Perry's travel expenses to and from Philadelphia, PA for the weekend of November 13-15, 2009 to be the official Chapter representative; seconded and passed.

E. *2010 Chapter Budget:* discussion led by Executive Vice President Kent Miller:

-The Annual Budget meeting will be held on December 5th during the break between performances of the Holiday Show.

-All budget requests need to be submitted to Kent Miller no later than November 30, 2009.

-Miller reported that the Chapter will receive \$3000 from the Central States District for travel expenses to Philadelphia in July 2010.

7. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

· Minutes submitted by Secretary, Vince Perry.

-An *Executive Session* followed to discuss *Barbershopper of the Month & Extra Mile Award(s)*

Nov 2009 Online Meetings

Online Board Meeting Addendum #1

MOTION- November 15, 2009: Do not have regular meetings on December 22 and 29, 2009 and January 6, 2010 so that the Music Team may conduct chorus auditions from 7 to 10:30PM each night; seconded and approved- November 16, 2009.

Online supporting documentation:

Actually, if we count Mark as a Yes vote, then we have nine. And two yes votes from new members to boot. So, seeing no dissenting votes and no one questioning the wisdom of this move, I will declare the motion as passed. Mark, let everyone know your plans. Thanks.

Doug

From: "kmiller268@aol.com" <kmiller268@aol.com>

To: hoabd@yahoogroups.com

Sent: Mon, November 16, 2009 4:49:27 PM

Subject: Re: [hoabd] Chapter Meetings in December and January

Yes. My vote makes eight.

Kent

-----Original Message-----

From: Harvey Shapiro <hlshapiro@sbcglobal.net>
To: hoabd@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Mon, Nov 16, 2009 3:42 pm
Subject: Re: [hoabd] Chapter Meetings in December and January

Your old treasurer says AYE

----- Original Message -----

From: [John Erwine](mailto:John.Erwine@hoabd.org)
To: hoabd@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2009 12:29 PM
Subject: RE: [hoabd] Chapter Meetings in December and January

Aye...je

From: hoabd@yahoogroups.com [<mailto:hoabd@yahoogroups.com>] **On Behalf Of** cdbhdad@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2009 10:26 PM
To: markfortino; hoabd@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [hoabd] Chapter Meetings in December and January

Thanks Mark. We really should not wait until the next board mtg to decide this. And as I am leaving very early tomorrow and will not return until Wed or Thurs, we need to get this going. So.....Mark has made a motion (at least we will treat it as such). We need a second and discussion. If you have no questions go ahead and provide your vote. Thank you.

Doug

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

From: markfortino <Markfortino@[aol.com](mailto:Markfortino@aol.com)>
Date: Sun, 15 Nov 2009 22:15:55 -0600
To: <hoabd@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: [hoabd] Chapter Meetings in December and January

The music team talked today about the chapter meetings I had spoken with all of you about at the last board meeting and as was outlined on the bottom of the plan for improvement.

We believe we will need:

Tuesday, December 22nd, 2009 - 7:00pm to 10:30pm

Tuesday, December 29th, 2009 - 7:00pm to 10:30pm

Tuesday, January 6th, 2010 - 7:00pm to 10:30pm

Last year, our "winter break" was those last two Tuesday's in December. After trying to schedule out our entire chorus for auditions and the opportunity for guys to come back a 2nd and 3rd time to qualify, we really need 3 and maybe 4 full nights. If we think we're going to need a 4th night we have decided we would probably add a Monday.

However, as we discussed in the last board meeting, the plan would be to NOT have a chapter meeting those three Tuesday's. We talked today about if there was any way to swing a chapter meeting on the 6th of January, but the problem is that the chapter's entire musical leadership, (meaning all of the section leaders and the directors) will be tied up with the audition process.

This is just part of the "challenge" of creating "opportunity" that we must go through. I just wanted to make sure we were all on the same page with this.
Does anyone know if the church will be available for last two Tuesday's in December for us to do this? For logistical reasons we think it's best to keep everything where everyone already knows where to come.

OK...so if we all agree that we're good with the extended winter break, MAN DO WE HAVE A HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT FOR OUR CHAPTER! ARE YOU READY?

We picked out TWO AWESOME contest tunes today! It would be our goal to have the learning media to both tunes to the guys with music before the winter break.

I'll send MP3's of the two songs under separate emails but they are:

Fit As A Fiddle/For Me And My Gal Medley

Love Me And The World Is Mine

The plan would be to work these two along with our current two contest tunes and which ever the best two of the 4 were, would be what we take to Philly. In the mean time we'll also have two new AWESOME tunes to sing on our Spring Show!

I will tell you all that this music team meeting was like none other that I've ever attended since being at HOA. These guys just have a tone of energy and brought good ideas to the table.

WHAT DO I NEED FROM ALL OF YOU?

CONFIRMATION THAT HOA WILL EXTEND OUR WINTER BREAK BY ONE WEEK IN ORDER TO GET THROUGH THE AUDITION PROCESS, BUT TWO NEW CONTEST TUNES WILL BE THE FOCUS OF OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS OVER THE WINTER BREAK SO THAT WE CAN HIT THE GROUND RUNNING WHEN WE RETURN ON THE 13TH OF JANAURY!

Thanks,

Mark

PS - Please don't email back and say, guys can't commit to learn the new contest tunes if they don't know if they qualified for the performing chorus. EVERYONE should assume that they are going to make it, and part of making it isn't just being able to sing Heart of My Heart (The Story of the Rose), but ultimately it's being able to sing these contest tunes as well. We want EVERYONE to make it. Sure, it is possible that some guys could spend the time to learn two songs that later don't qualify. Let's hope that's the exception. If guys really commit, I'll bet fewer will not qualify than you might think.

Online Board Meeting Addendum #2

MOTION- November 17, 2009: Authorize Chorus Manager Vince Perry to submit the HOA Philadelphia Housing Request with hotel choices in order specified in the following document submitted to the Board; seconded and passed- November 19, 2009

Online supporting documentation:

----- Original Message -----

Subject:[hoabd] Philly Hotel Motion

Date:Wed, 18 Nov 2009 13:26:39 -0800 (PST)

From:Doug Brott <cdbhdad@yahoo.com>

Reply-To:hoabd@yahoogroups.com

To:HOA Board <hoabd@yahoogroups.com>

Based on the motion by Vince, the second by Kent and the quorum of votes received, the motion made by Vince pertaining to the Hotels for Philadelphia is approved.

----- Original Message -----

Subject:[hoabd] HOA Philly FAM Trip [1 Attachment]

Date:Tue, 17 Nov 2009 09:53:56 -0600

From: Vince Perry <sjmovp@stjoelive.com>
To: hoabd@yahoogroups.com
To: HOA-Board <hoabd@yahoogroups.com>

[[Attachment\(s\)](#) from Vince Perry included below]



Gentlemen,

The FAM trip went very well. Philly 2010 is going to be a great convention! Everything is downtown including the hotels, convention center with contest venue, lots of restaurants, the famous Reading Terminal Market, and historic landmarks galore!

I have attached the lowdown on the hotels. We have to submit our choices to Int'l NLT Dec 1st so we will need an agreement online or in the kitchen. I have rank ordered six hotels as to my preference for hotels. (Mike Mathieu also attended and his order is the same as mine except he put the HQ as the first choice while I put it third.) We are the 20th group to select hotels so we will most likely not get our first few picks. All the hotels are acceptable. The last two choices are great hotels but located 6 and 7 blocks from the contest venue which is very important this year since there will be no shuttle bus services between the hotels, HQ, and venue. Parking fees are an issue but if we are creative we can find other places to park with reasonable rates.

If you have questions, please fire away. If Doug approves, I so move to "Accept the order of hotels submitted by Chorus Manager Vince Perry for the 2010 Int'l Convention in Philadelphia, PA with the stipulation that number 4 may be moved to last if the Society does not alter its hotel contract replacing the Millenium Ballroom with the Regency Ballroom."

In Harmony from JoeTown!

vp



Philly FAM Trip Report

There are seven hotels in the convention block. Five are right next door to the convention center where the contests will be held. The Doubletree is eight blocks away from the convention center and the Sheraton City Center is six blocks away. All hotels are very nice,

well kept and very clean. Most all hotels have restaurants and serve 3 meals a day but finding food to eat is not really an issue in downtown Philly.

HOA is the 20th chorus to select their hotel which is great considering we are the third wildcard chorus to get to pick. I have ranked the hotels as to what I recommend for HOA.

There is no shuttle bus service for this convention so being close by is more important than ever this year.

Here is a matrix of the vitals for each hotel:

Hotel	Daily Rate	Daily Parking	Room Avail	Rehearsal Space - #Choruses using at one time
#1 Hilton Garden Inn	\$119 K&D/D	\$27 Self	100	Sml 36x26x15-1
#2 Courtyard - Downtown	\$119 K&Q/Q	\$43 Valet	150	Narrow rm no air walls-1
#3 HQ HOTEL Marriott-Downtown	\$129 K&D/D	\$43 Valet	400	Excellent for 2- others use CC
#4 Loews Philly	\$129 K&D/D	\$38 Valet	250	Excellent - 2 if contract rooms changed
#5 Sheraton City Ctr	\$119 K&Q/Q	\$15 Self	400	Excellent - 2
#6 Doubletree Philly	\$116 K&Q/Q	\$22S \$26V	150	Excellent - 2
Hampton Inn City Ctr	\$115	\$20 Self \$24V	35	none

