

Kansas City, MO Chapter
of the Barbershop Harmony Society
**Minutes for January 11, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting ,
January 2010 Online Meeting (Addendum #1)**

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

Board Members:

Present:, Doug Brott, Kent Miller, John Erwine, Carl Turlin, Brad Dawdy, Vince Perry, Jim Porter, Val Putzier, Chuck Ames, Mark Fortino, Mike Mathieu, Jim Kemper, and Rich Huyck
Absent: Jim Clark

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Harvey Shapiro- 2009 Treasurer

Proceedings:

1. *Meeting called to order* at 6:06 p.m. by President Kent Miller.
 - The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved with paragraphs 6.E., F. & 6.G. being added.
 - It was also agreed that some new agenda items may be omitted until the February meeting because of time constraints.

2. *December 2009 meeting minutes with Online minutes* (attached) were reviewed and approved as submitted with the following changes:
 - In 1., the words "Vice President Kent Miller" were replaced with "President Doug Brott."
 - In 3., the word "specific" was replaced with the word "specify"
 - In 6.B., the word "confers" was replaced with the work "coffers"

3. *Finance report (attached)* by 2009 Treasurer, Harvey Shapiro:
 - As of 12/31/2009 the Operating/Social fund was \$13,827.12 & Restricted Fund was \$6550.32
 - The Board confirmed that 2010 Treasurer Elect Jim Porter may begin the process of finding a new bank to conduct chapter business. It may be United Missouri Bank UMB which is located in most areas of the metro area. The Board did specify that the accounts must be free of service charges save checking supplies.
 - IPP Brott questioned the Maywood Printing expenses for Holiday Show line item. PR VP Dawdy explained that it is a show account expense and should be removed as a normal chapter expense.
 - Shapiro explained that by law it was necessary to remove the negative balance in the operating account by transferring funds from the social account. The end of year operating fund balance is zero.
 - The transfer of the treasurer's accounting has taken place this day.
 - The finance reports submitted for December 2009 was reviewed and approved with Maywood printing expense being reflected as a shared Holiday Harmony Show expense with the KC Chorus of Sweet Adelines.

4. Vice Presidents' Reports

A. *Marketing/Public Relations report* by Vice President Brad Dawdy

- Gill Studio Inc is being considered for printing the Chapter's 2010 Fundraiser. The format will be changed to a post card type providing a significant saving over last year's. The Chapter will do the actual mailing this year. Target date to send out is March 1, 2010.
- Cards and flyers for the Singing Valentine's program will be available January 19, 2010.

B. *Operations report* by Board Member at Large Chuck Ames:

- Ames indicated that the opening and closing of the church during the audition nights went smoothly.

C. *Music & Performance report* by Music & Performance V.P. Mark Fortino:

- Music Team (MT) (sub-committee of Music Committee) met January 10, 2010.
- The Board agreed with the MT's new Standards for HOA to Follow Going Forward:
 - 1) Performing Chorus (PC) members will have three weeks from the time the sheet music and the learning media become available to learn a new song before the song is sung for the first time. In addition, members will be asked to learn no more than one song in any three week period.
 - 2) To maintain membership in the PC a member must attend at least 65% of the chapter meetings. At least 90% attendance is recommended for all so that the chorus can again reach championship levels in performance and singing.
 - 3) To maintain membership in the PC a member must record both new contest songs and review it on one's own. In addition, each member will promptly record and turn in any passage or entire song to his section leader upon request.
 - 4) MT will do its best to give the members a list of two songs that they need to really focus their efforts on for the following week.
- Singing Valentine quartets containing 4 members of the PC, no matter what part they are singing, are automatically approved. If one or more members of a quartet are not members of the PC then the quartet must be approved by the MT by auditioning in front of the chorus or a member of the music team. The MT reserves the right to make exceptions to this rule based on their judgment.
- Fortino reported that Director Emeritus and New Harmony Handful (NHH) Director Jim Bagby was totally fine with saying that all members of the NHH should be members who have qualified for the PC.
- The Presentation Team for 2110 will be led by Jerry Meier and assisted by Craig Wilcox.
- Going forward, only members of the PC will be allowed on the risers. Guests may be placed on the rises after undergoing an initial voice placement by the director or other member of the MT.
- The MT will not give its stamp of approval on new member/dual member applications until the person requesting Chapter membership has qualified for the PC.
- Fortino said a new chapter web page explaining the HOA PC audition process complete with links to audition sheet music and learning media downloads will be forthcoming as time permits.

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

- Highlights of the December Programs included: Mark Fortino explaining the audition process for the PC and the chorus & quartets performing a benefit concert for the church.

-The storage closet was reorganized and sheet music inventoried during the two Tuesdays used for auditions.

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

- A new committee is being formed to have a better presence in: improved greeting system, calls on missing members, advance reminder calls for upcoming membership renewals, exit interviews, improved guest take-home packets, improved riser-buddy system, improved interface with music team.

5. Old Business:

A. *Golf Fundraiser update:* by President Miller:

- The tournament will be held on May 6, 2010 and everyone should be thinking of who we could get as corporate sponsors.

B. *Program Ad Sales update:*

- Larry Colburn is the chairman.

- January 26th is the target date for distribution and of sales packets and a short presentation about how to sell the ads.

C. *Holiday Harmony Show update:* no show report was available.

D. *Singing Valentines Pricing* - by MVP John Erwine:

-It was agreed that better publicity is the key to increased sales.

-MOTION: Set the pricing for the 2010 Singing Valentines as follows: \$55 for a regular deliver (any 8-hour window between 8AM & 8PM), \$75 for any 2-hour window, and \$90 for 1-hour special delivery; seconded and passed with one dissenting vote by Treasurer Jim Porter.

E. *KC Arts Council Performance update* by President Miller:

-Everyone needs to continue to talk this up and get the membership to clear their calendars for this important event which is scheduled March 5, 2010 around noon at the Starlight Theatre.

-Director David Krause and President Miller will attend a planning meeting on January 12, 2010 at Starlight.

F. *Leadership Training report:*

- HOA will send four representatives to the Leadership Training sessions in St Joseph, MO on Saturday, February 6, 2010: Kent Miller, Vince Perry, John Erwine, and Jim Porter.

-The reservations and payment has been made.

-It was agreed that the Chapter would benefit by investing in the new Music Team members by sending them to Harmony University 2010.

G. *Director's Contract report:*

-IPP Brott will draw up the new contract with the specifications passed at the December Board Meeting and have it ready for signatures at the January 12, 2010 chapter meeting.

H. *2010 Budget:*

- President Miller requested the Executive Committee meet after the meeting on January 12 to finalize the new budget.

6. New Business:

A. *Church Fee Negotiations report:*

- IPP Brott announced that as of January 1, 2010 the price for the rehearsal hall would revert back to the regular price of \$120 per week.
- President Miller asked that a meeting be scheduled with the church's administrator to discuss an extension of the reduced pricing of \$60 per week.

B. *Applebee's fundraiser:* tabled until February Board meeting.

C. *BOTM/Extra Mile discussion:* tabled until February Board meeting.

D. *Thank you notes:* tabled until February Board meeting.

E. *Annual Resolutions:*

-MOTION: Authorize Dale Neuman (Board Member Emeritus) authority to carry out the Chapter's legal business to include but not limited to maintaining: Jackson County Person Property Tax exemption, the license on the HOA trailer, business pursuits license, USPS non-profit mailing permit, and the State of Missouri Tax Exemption; seconded and passed.

- MOTION: Every member in good standing of the Kansas City Chapter (A048) is hereby authorized to accept funds on behalf of the chapter which shall be turned over to the chapter treasurer as soon as possible; seconded and passed. (Note: a motion of this kind needs to be done each year to satisfy legality issues that arise if ever an insurance claim were to be filed.)

-MOTION: Designate Assistant Director Jerry Garrard as the 2010 Annual Show chairman; seconded and passed with one dissenting vote by Mike Mathieu.

F. *Redemptorist Church Benefit Concert:* by Music/Performance V.P. Fortino:

- The church has requested HOA to perform a benefit concert to raise money to get their pipe organ tuned.
- Fortino will call the contact and get more information before the Board renders a decision upon the request.

G. *Harmony Festival 2010:*

-V.P. Fortino announced that the first committee meeting for Harmony Festival 2010 will be held soon. At this time it looks like the most probable Festival date is June 19, 2010.

H. *Miscellaneous:*

- Board Member Mike Mathieu explained the benefits of belonging to the Chapter Connect Program (see addendum to December Board Minutes. (It's a program where Chapters contribute directly to the Society's Harmony Foundation.) By December 2009 Online Board action, the Chapter is presently a member of the Harmony Foundation Chapter Connect program.

- PVP Turlin reported that Lake Doniphan will again be the venue for the 2010 HOA Retreat and that the contract is being done by EVP Perry. Date for retreat is August 20-21, 2010.
- Secretary Rich Huyck thanked EVP Perry for serving as his substitute while he is out of town until March 2, 2010.

7. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

- Minutes submitted by Executive Vice President, Secretary Sub, Vince Perry.

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

January 2010 Online Meeting

Online Board Meeting Addendum #1

MOTION- by Vince Perry on January 1, 2010: The meeting structure for the January 12th and 19th, 2010 HOA chapter meetings will be to hold chorus rehearsal from 7:10pm to 8:40pm and then auditions from 8:50pm to 10pm; seconded and passed.

Online supporting documentation:

Rich Huyck wrote on Jan 1st at 6:40PM:

I second the motion.

Rich Huyck

Jan 2, 2010 at 5:33 PM Vince Perry wrote:

Provided I've waded through all the emails correctly, here is where the motion stands:

So far we have eleven votes in and it's 10-1 for the motion.

(It takes 8 yeas from the current board of 14 to pass a motion.)

Mr President, you may declare this motion as passed.

Those who have voted:

Mark

Brad

Kent

Rich

Vince

Jim Porter

John Erwine

Mike Mathieu

Carl Turlin

Val Putzier

Jim Clark

Chuck Ames - not voted - works on Saturdays

Jim Kemper - not voted - called and left message - works on Saturdays?

Doug Brott - not voted - gets emails on Blackberry so is in the loop, when he gets to his computer.