

**Kansas City, MO Chapter
Of the Barbershop Harmony Society
Minutes for December 8, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Location: St Thomas More Catholic Church, 118th & Holmes, Kansas City, MO
Scheduled start time: 6:00PM**

Board Members:

Present: John Erwine, Carter Combs, Jerry Meier, Marlin Weidler, Jim Porter, Harvey Shapiro, Barry Sanders,

Absent: Kent Miller, Vince Perry, Denny Briley, Ray Young, Mike Schumacher,

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Incoming Board Members Brad Dawdy and Mike Mathieu.

Proceedings:

1. *Meeting called to order* at 6:04 p.m. by President John Erwine

2. *November 2014 meeting minutes* by Incoming Secretary Jim Porter

- Review of Revised Minutes were submitted and moved to approve by Harvey Shiparo with second by Jerry Meier and approval passed by voice vote.
- Request for Letter of Certification will be submitted by outgoing Secretary Marlin Weidler

3. *November 2014 Finance report* by Treasurer, Jim Porter

- Reviewed Financial Report
 - Income for month – 4,530.91
 - Expenses for month – 1,849.60
 - Unrestricted (Members) Funds – 5,325.12
 - Restricted (Operating) Funds – 2,139.64
 - Truman Foundation – 11,130.84
- Reviewed Holiday Show Incoming and Expenses
- Discussed Expense for insurance reliability
- Report was accepted by unanimous voice vote.

4. Vice Presidents' Reports

A. *Marketing/Public Relations report* by Marketing V.P. Ray Young:

- No report available

B. *Operations report* by Operations V.P. Mike Schumacher:

- No report available

C. *Music & Performance report* by Music & Performance V.P. Carter Combs

- Discussed 2015 Calendar – no changes – searching for additional performance opportunities
- Double Date will be double mixed quartet on the spring show
- First weekend in May will be Spring Contest
- Fall contests same as Sweet Adeline's International and HOA has not committed to this convention and at this point it is scheduled for Overland Park.

D. Program Vice President report by

- No Report

E. Membership report by Vice President Jerry Meier:

- Discussed Harmony Explosion for 2015 – Feb 21st with 3 Men and Melody scheduled to be participate.
- 7 new members since Jan. 1st
- Micah Jeppsen renewed his membership
- Recommendation to accept Richard Matthis as new member after voice placement and receipt of check
- Michael Beck and Dan Wager possible new members
- Discussed Awards Banquet in January - Jack Stack BBQ
- Caroling Caravan email sent to selected individuals to join in singing
- NE Ks Music Educators Auditions – Jerry attended to remind them of HE

5. Old Business:

A. Holiday Harmony Spectacular

- Sales were good but \$2500 short as we made last year and did not save in costs
- One show versus two shows – lot of work for only one show - possibly going back to two shows in smaller venue
- Performing at Unity restricts what can be done on the show – plus having only one show in the afternoon may of deterred the evening attendees from attending
- Need to put out money on marketing and not relying just on flyers
- There was discussion on the quality of the show and the chorus being less prepared than in previous years. Reports from members of the board from people attending the show were very favorable.

B. 2015 Annual Banquet

- Jack Stack BBQ Martin City and \$25 per person

C. Singing Valentines - Brainstorming

- Great meeting during holiday show – Jason Garder will co-chair the singing valentines – plus good ideas came out of the meeting – possibly doing something with Flowerama and also Cerner and IRS – Feb 13th and 14th

D. HOA Trailer approval inspection progress

- Reminder to have it hauled off and looked at

E. Caroling Caravan

- Suggestion to not sing the Songs of Christmas – long song – list sent out is only suggestions – Amen possibly since Jonathan will be singing all day

F. 2015 Directors Contract

- Following discussion at last month's board meeting – several hours on pros and cons and working on his short comings – Program VP will help him – all comments were addressed – recommendation by music team to extend contract for 2015. Moved by Carter with second by Jim – discussion on director and the chorus – motion passed by voice vote – one abstain

G. 2015 Assistant Director

- Discussion with Jerry and music team members – Bob Velazquez is being considered for Assistant Director and Carter indicated he is excited about the position. Carter and Jonathan will also be Assistants. Bob may become Associate Director at a time to be determined.

H. Chapter Visitation (Jonathan's Topeka)

- Reminder on chapter visitation in the near future to Topeka or other chapters

6. New Business:

A. MXL V76Q Stereo Condenser Microphone

- Microphone is owned by Vince Perry and used as center mic on shows – can be used for harmony explosion and other events. Vince would like to have HOA purchase the mic. Marlin moved to purchase and Jerry second – and passed. Discussion included a motion to include Vince keeping it in his possession for safe keeping. Moved and passed.

B. 2015 Annual Spring Show

- Carter gave update on show – contract on guest quartet finalized – music ordered Four Front is close to being a lock for 2016 guest quartet

C. 2015 Budget - Marketing

- Big thing is marketing and advertising

D. Committee Chairman Search

- Singing Valentines
 - o John is working with Jason
- Chorus Manager/Split Duties
 - o Vince is interested in splitting duties or relinquishing some of his duties
 - o Takes care of web page and helps with singing valentines
- Attendance
 - o This is important for what is going on with in chapter
- Historian
 - o Dave Krause is no longer the HOA Historian
- Web Master
 - o Currently Vince Perry is updating
- John discussed a possible coupon book

E. Jerry made motion to accept Richard Mathis as new member

- Richard has not had voice placement by the bass section leader
- Jerry will get with Bass section leader for voice placement

F. For the good of the chapter

- Mike brought up a concept of having HOA being a teaching chorus and to have directors come in and train or intern with HOA. See if society would be interested in supporting the concept for funding.

7. Marlin moved to dismiss the meeting and Carter second – Approved

- Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.