

Heart of America Chapter – A048  
Barbershop Harmony Society  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting  
November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

Location: St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 11822 Holmes Road, Kansas City MO 64131

Board Members Present:

John Erwine (President), Vince Perry III, Kent Miller, Carter Combs, Jerry Meier, Ray Young,  
Jim Porter, Denny Briley, Harvey Shapiro

Board Members Absent:

Mike Schumacher, Marlin Weidler (Secretary), Barry Sanders

Also present: Mike Mathieu (nominee on board for 2015).

Treasurer Jim Porter acted as secretary in Marlin Weidler's absence and compiled this report.

The meeting was called to order at 6:16 PM by President John Erwine.

The minutes for the previous meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 were presented in printed form.

These were accepted as presented by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer Jim Porter presented his report for October.

Total income for month	\$ 5,237.80;	total expenses	\$ 5,795.07.
Unrestricted funds (members or social fund) available:	\$ 4,785.31.		
Restricted funds (operating fund) available:	\$11,228.98.		
Designated funds: Net on deposit:	\$ 500.00.		
Total in checking account:	\$ 5,339.15,		
Total in Truman Foundation:	\$11,175.14;	Total:	\$16,514.29.

The report was accepted as presented by unanimous voice vote.

Jim Porter noted that the monthly charge for telephone service had risen to nearly \$50 per month.

After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote to terminate this service as being no longer necessary. Jim will handle this and report to the board the phone number (it is 816-221-7888 and connects to a voice mailbox identified as Rich Huyck's voice mail). Rich reported he had no call for HOA business in several months.

Jim Porter also noted that the credit charges in November for October transactions (Holiday Show ticket sales) were \$164.07. Vince Perry noted that these transactions could have been handled using the chapter's existing Square, Inc. service for less cost. A motion was made, seconded and approved to terminate the other service permanently and to handle all credit card transactions through Square, Inc. Vince Perry will handle this, after the Holiday Show.

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Marketing Report (Ray Young)

**Publicity for Holiday Show:** Posters (1000) have been prepared and received and are being distributed by members. The postcard mailing will be completed in the near future. Ray will also have links for the Holiday Show on Facebook and other social media sites soon. There were 400 notepads prepared for the Hallmark Vendor Discount Fair held on October 16<sup>th</sup> where HOA had a booth. These advertised the chapter and offered ticket discounts for the Holiday Show. Some of these (around 300) remain for future use.

**Spring Show 2015:** Have yet to finalize content for promotion of this show.

Operations Report (John Erwine, for Mike Schumacher)

A printed report was prepared by Dave Jobe and presented, which showed that the condition of the chorus trailer was of concern, as it has 10-year-old tires and other deficiencies. The cost of repairs is estimated to be \$700 to \$800. (Note that the chapter paid out over \$150 to replace a tire before the trailer could be hauled to Cedar Rapids in October.) A motion was made, seconded and approved to allow Dave Jobe to have diagnostic tests performed on the trailer at a cost of \$168 to determine exactly what needs to be done to restore the trailer to good condition.

Music Team Report (Carter Combs)

Ticket sales to date for the Holiday Show are meeting expectations. About 1/3 of all available tickets have been sold. The show program has yet to be finalized. Various options are being considered for the after-glow, including having a dinner meal as part of it (since there is one afternoon show this year, the after-glow will be in the early evening). The after-glow may be at Unity Village or it may be at another nearby restaurant facility.

In 2015, it was noted that the spring district convention is changed to the first weekend of May (May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>). The fall convention (October) is the same weekend as the Sweet Adelines International Convention, a problem.

Program Vice President (Mike Schumacher) – absent, no report.

Membership Report (Jerry Meier)

A printed report was prepared and distributed to the Board members prior to the meeting.

It showed 5 new members added in the past few months, together with 13 others identified as potential new members. All 18 have been invited to perform with the chorus in the Holiday Show. Several of these have been to recent meetings. Jerry plans to attend the **District Music Educator Convention** on November 16<sup>th</sup> to publicize Harmony Explosion 2015.

**Awards Banquet 2015:** Date and place are fixed: Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (Sat) at Jack Stack Martin City (135<sup>th</sup> & Holmes). The meal will be buffet style and cost an estimated \$33.54 per person. After some discussion, the Board agreed to ask the membership to pay in \$25 per person for their reservations and the chapter would pick up the balance of the costs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Great Midwest Balloon Festival (August): The chapter received \$500 for our services at this event. We will seek to be involved again in 2015, it is not yet determined when and where this will be.

Ev Nau (Des Moines) has offered to assist with spring show publicity, contributing his expertise to that end in return for the chapter subsidizing his travel expenses. John Erwine and Kent Miller are discussing this offer with him.

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OLD BUSINESS (continued):

Singing Valentines 2015: A committee has been formed to discuss new ideas for reinvigorating this program.

Golf Tournament 2014: A grant (sponsorship) of \$500 from Kohl's Care (Kohl's Department Stores) helped this event to produce a net gain for the chapter in excess of \$3,000 for 2014. They also provided 5 volunteers to help with the management of this event. Kent Miller says our Harmony Explosion program was the reason this foundation, which is supportive of youth programs, was willing to support our chapter in this way. Kent expects this support to be given once every other year.

District Convention, October 2015: To date, no chapter in the district has agreed to host this convention, which is planned for our area (Overland Park). Treasurer Jim Porter provided a report that showed that HOA's hosting of the 2013 fall convention resulted in a net gain of over \$4,000 for the chapter. It was agreed we ought to host the CSD convention in 2015, but the need is for a person to come forward and be the chairman. Those who have done this in the past are not willing to continue by taking this responsibility in 2015. For reason of lack of commitment from anyone, no motion was made to accept the bid from Central States District to host this convention.

Hallmark Discount Fair (Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>): Note marketing report on previous page. It was also noted that the notepads could also be used to publicize the spring show. There will be a link on Hallmark's Website for our spring show.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chapter meetings December 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup>: A motion was made, seconded and passed on a voice vote to cancel these two meetings. The first chapter meeting in 2015 will be on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Directors Contract for 2015: It was the recommendation of the Music Team that Jerry Garrard, our current director, be offered an extension of his contract to direct the Heart of America Chorus through the calendar year 2015. However, there was concern about his performance as director in 2014. A lengthy discussion ensued and it was agreed that specific items of concern should not appear in these minutes. However, it is reasonable to note that there were items of concern and several board members contributed to the discussion. In the end, there was no motion to approve the extension of Jerry's contract to act as our chorus director. Some of the board members and music team members plan to meet with Jerry in the next few weeks to present their concerns and to consider Jerry's response to them. The matter of approving the extension of his contract is tabled until the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

James R. Porter  
Acting Secretary