

Heart of America Chapter – A048
Barbershop Harmony Society
Kansas City, Missouri
Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting
September 12th, 2016

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

Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM by President Carter Combs.

Board Members present at that time:	Carter Combs (President),	Bob Velazquez (Music VP),
Steve Keisker (Operations VP),	Jim Porter (Secretary),	Harvey Shapiro (Treasurer),
John Erwine (Imm. Past Pres),	Charles Ramirez (At Large),	Bob Murphy (At Large).

Late Arrivals (time): Barry Sanders (Exec. VP, 6:10).

Board Members Absent: Jerry Meier (Membership VP), Ted Simon (Marketing VP).

Two vacancies exist for at-large board members. The Program VP position also is vacant.

The minutes for the previous meeting on August 8th, 2016 were prepared in printed form by secretary Jim Porter. These were accepted as presented.

Treasurer Harvey Shapiro provided his report for August.

Total income, month:	\$ 3,352.07;	total expenses	\$ 2,745.58.
Net surplus for month:	\$ 606.49;	budgeted:	\$ 720.00.
Net (deficit) for year:	\$(8,038.62);	budgeted:	\$(8,945.00).

Budgeted numbers are based on the 2016 budget, which was finalized in the past month.

Year to date shows a position \$906.38 over budget, after a shortfall for the month of \$113.51.

The position at the end of July was \$1,019.89. Last month, the position at the end was reported as \$505.11 BELOW budget, a figure that was based on the 2015 budget. The transition, therefore, showed the financial position of the chapter was improved by \$1,525.00.

Significant income items:	Net of Entries and Sponsors, Golf Tourney	\$ 821.95.
	Received from Members, Retreat	1,600.00.
	Membership Dues (June-Aug)	717.50.
Significant expense items:	Coaching Fees, Expenses, Retreat	\$ 1,000.00.
	Pizza, other food, at Retreat	235.20.
	Initial Deposit, Hot Air Buffoons	200.00.
	Hall Rental, Director stipend (each month)	1,000.00.

Unrestricted funds (members or social fund) available: \$ 9,611.16.

Restricted funds (operating fund) available: \$(1,094.46).

Designated funds: Net on deposit: \$ 1,100.00.

Total in checking account: \$ 2,941.48;

Total in Truman Foundation: \$ 6,675.22; Total: \$ 9,616.70.

Treasurer's Report, concluded.

September to date shows golf tournament income of \$1,516.55, offset by a \$1,000 down payment to Falcon Lakes Golf Club. The chapter has received \$825 from members for District Convention registrations and paid for the church hall rental, \$480. The checking account balance as of September 8th was \$3,803.03.

The report was placed on file for audit as presented.

Marketing Report (Ted Simon): Absent, no report. In the discussion for the annual show, noted:

The mailing for the show is ready, 4,500 mailed invitations will go out this week.

Liberty Performing Arts Theater will include our show in its monthly newsletter.

The design for the flyer does not mention Hot Air Buffoons, it is likely too late to make changes.

The mailed invitations do show them as our featured quartet.

Membership Report (Jerry Meier) Absent, but prepared written report. Summary:

Total members as of July: 108, down 3 from August. Richard Matthis, Mark McCullough, and Dan Wager are dropped.

In addition, Maurice Smith remains on our list of overdue members, but he passed away early in the year.

Besides Maurice, Larry Colburn and John Fortino are long overdue with their renewals.

Anthony Fortino and Craig Wilcox both are identified as recently overdue. Neither is likely to renew with HOA.

The afterglow for the annual show will take place in the theater building. The recommended ticket price is \$6.

No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the theater grounds. Soft drinks and snacks will be served.

The Annual Awards Banquet for 2017 is now scheduled for January 7th (Saturday), at Jack Stack's Barbecue, Martin City.

The chapter has made all six payments of \$125 each to reserve this date. The chapter may cancel with a full refund of its deposit if that is done before November 7th. A partial refund is available if we cancel after that date.

One quartet from Harmony Explosion, The Happy Harmonizers, will present two songs at the evening show at Liberty Performing Arts Theater on September 24th.

Music Team Report (Bob Velazquez) Written report. The music team met Sunday, September 11th.

A summary of items discussed at the meeting:

1. Songs have been selected for the Blue Springs Fun Fest (September 17th). Bob Velazquez will direct one song. There will be an afterglow at the homes of John Braden and Ron McIntire in Lake Tapawingo. The uniform will be the new chorus casual shirt, khaki pants, dark shoes and socks.
2. Songs also have been selected for the Annual Show (September 24th). Bob Velazquez will direct one song. John Braden and Marty Oldenhoeft are working with the members to be sure all have the full show uniform. Local quartets on both shows will be Armchair Chorderbacks and Priorities. A third quartet, 4 in Harmony, will perform on the afternoon show, while the Harmony Explosion quartet will perform on the evening show.
3. District Convention, October 7th, 8th, Cedar Rapids, IA. Licensing to perform "Way You Look Tonight" was obtained earlier in the same day as the meeting (September 12th). "I'll Be Seeing You" is identified as the one song the chorus is best prepared for. Two other songs being considered are "Smile Medley" and "If I Only Had a Brain". At this point, all four remain as options, no final decision has been made (which 2 to sing).

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Music Team Report, concluded.

4. Holiday Show, December 3rd, Unity Village As the Sweet Adelines now also rehearse on Tuesdays, joint meetings are planned for November 1st and November 15th. The entire evening on these dates would be devoted to the 8 part songs (there will be one new song) and the other Tuesdays for each chorus to work on their 4 part songs. If a third joint meeting is deemed necessary, it will be on November 22nd.
5. Annual Show 2017: The search team is still awaiting a response from the Bell Center in Olathe for available dates for this show. The focus is on a March or April date. The plan is to have 5 new songs for that show. This will require the purchase of sheet music and learning media files, an estimated outlay of over \$1,000.
6. District Spring Convention, Wichita KS: Director Jerry Garrard expressed a desire for the chapter to perform in that competition for evaluation score only. The chapter previously did this in 2013 at McPherson, KS.

Operations Report (Steve Keisker) Oral report.

Steve was unsure at the meeting if the district would request use of the chapter risers at the district convention. In an E-Mail sent following the meeting, it was confirmed that the district has requested we haul our risers to Cedar Rapids and make them available in one of the warm-up rooms.

Program Vice President (Vacant)

President Carter Combs conceded this position will remain unfilled for the rest of this year.

Events Summary. (Prior to meeting)

Chapter Retreat: (Aug. 19th, 20th) All agreed it went well and was well received by members who were there. There were 20 members present for all three sessions, and 3 others attended 1 or 2 sessions. With two coaches, it was noted that while one worked with the chapter, the other was largely idle. One coach might be sufficient for next year.

Balloon Festival: (Aug. 26th-28th) Heavy rain on Friday and Sunday had a huge negative impact on this event, which made the local news due to the failure of the sponsors to make good on their payments to their vendors. The chapter is among these vendors and it is now quite likely we will see no money coming to us for our time assisting in this event.

Events Summary. (Subsequent to meeting)

Blue Springs Fun Fest (Sept. 17th): It was noted that most will need to park off-site and use a shuttle to get to the venue.

Annual Show (Sept. 24th): There was a short planning meeting after the board meeting was adjourned. Discussion of the stage facilities noted that the theater has a sound shell that can be positioned above the risers, but none for the quartets. The curtain is to the rear and is therefore not available to close in front of the risers. The technical people need to set up lights and microphones Saturday morning, so the stage would not be available for practice earlier than 10:00 AM. It was the consensus of the music team that this would provide adequate preparation time.

Golf Scramble, Sept. 29th. Kent Miller is coordinating this, as in past years. Board members were urged to publicize the event. At this point, the only need is to continue to look for players and sponsors.

Events Summary. (Subsequent to meeting), continued.

District Convention (Oct. 7th, 8th): See previous pages. The white show uniform will be used.

Holiday Show 2016: See previous pages.

Caroling Caravan, December 17th. It is anticipated that Mike Mathieu will again coordinate this event. It is probable there will be a change, dropping one senior center in favor of a new facility, a move that was successful last year.

Singing Valentines (Feb. 13th, 14th, 2017): John Erwine emphatically declared someone else would need to take over heading up this effort. It is anticipated that the Sweet Adelines will again help run things at the office.

Harmony Explosion (Feb. 17th, 2017): The date is now set, the event will be at Olathe East H.S., as previously.

Annual Show, 2017: This will be in the Bell Center in Olathe. Inquiries have been made to determine a date.

OLD BUSINESS: None noted.

NEW BUSINESS:

The nominating committee for the 2017 board will be John Erwine, Marty Oldenhoeft and Kent Miller.

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. The annual show planning meeting then commenced. Notes from that time are incorporated on previous pages, discussions about the annual show.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 10th, 2016.

James R. Porter, Secretary