

Heart of America Chapter – A048  
Barbershop Harmony Society  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting  
January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM by President Carter Combs.

Board Members present at that time:

Carter Combs (President),	Marlin Weidler (Exec VP),	Ted Simon (Marketing VP),
Jerry Meier (Membership VP),	Mike Schumacher (Oper. VP),	Jim Porter (Secretary),
Harvey Shapiro (Treasurer),	John Erwine (Immed Past Pres).	

Board Members Arriving by 6:20 PM:

Brad Dawdy (Music VP),	Mike Mathieu (Program VP),
Steve Keisker (At Large),	Tony O'Brien (At Large).

Board Members Absent:           None.

The minutes for the previous meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 were prepared in printed form by retiring secretary Marlin Weidler. These were approved as presented by unanimous voice vote.

Retiring Treasurer Jim Porter presented his report for December and for calendar year 2014.

Total income for month \$ 2,571.00;	total expenses \$ 7,173.79.
Total income for 2014: \$60,526.66;	total expenses \$65,487.10.
Unrestricted funds (members or social fund) available:	\$ 5,272.04.
Restricted funds (operating fund) available:	\$ 9,320.77.
Designated funds:	Net on deposit: \$ .00.
Total in checking account:	\$ 3,461.97,
Total in Truman Foundation:	\$11,130.84; Total: \$14,592.81.

The report was placed on file for audit as presented.

Marketing Report (Ted Simon) Oral report.

**Publicity for Spring Show:** A poster has been designed and was available for view to board members at the meeting. The poster will be prepared 21 x 13 in size for display in retail stores and similar public locations. The postcard mailer will be 6 x 9. Neither shows ticket prices, this was done to allow for discounts to be offered. A proposal to add radio advertising spots was presented, these are seen to be more effective than newspaper ads. Subsequent discussion focused on changing the presentation (more non-barbershop songs), adding visibility by making public appearances at various festivals in the area throughout the year, preparing new pictures of the chorus in various activities, and advocating for a cause such as Alzheimer's research. The goal is to expose the chorus to people in the area that have not heard us before, and not to continue appealing to the same group of people as in the past.

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Marketing Report, Continued

**Holiday Show Recap:** Revenue seen to be lower by \$2,500 from 2013, after decision to do one show. Subsequent discussion focused on seeking a different venue and returning to two shows in 2015.

Membership Report (Jerry Meier) Printed report.

Seven members were added in 2014, offsetting 7 others who were dropped for non-renewal. Total membership at end of 2014 is 128, a drop of 1 (Jim Clark) from the total of 129 who were members at the start of 2014.

Two men are transferring into the chapter in January 2015. One, Tom Millot, was previously a member of HOA.

The other, Dan Wager, was approved for membership by unanimous voice vote of the board members.

Four others have expressed interest in joining HOA and are potential new members at this time.

Ten more men were also identified as invited guests and are thus potential new members.

Music Team Report (Brad Dawdy) Printed report.

The theme for the Spring Show will be "You've Got a Friend in Me". Learning tracks for the title song have now been made available on the chapter Website. The show lineup will be discussed at the next music team meeting.

Music in the Park is virtually certain for 2015. Should know for sure (with date) in next two weeks.

The headline quartet for Spring Show 2016 is Forefront. This quartet placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 2014 International contest.

The fall District Convention is planned to be in Kansas City, but it is the sense of the board not to host this event. The district is looking for another chapter to step forward and take this responsibility, but none have yet committed.

Subsequent discussion also focused on opportunities for doing shows in nearby towns in 2015.

Operations Report (Mike Schumacher) Oral report.

The chapter trailer still needs repair work, including lights and new tires. In a previous meeting, David Jobe had prepared a description of work to be done and expressed a willingness to do that work. The board approved David to perform that work by a voice vote. Mike will seek to work out arrangements with David.

Program Vice President (Mike Mathieu) Oral report.

Looking ahead to 2015, plans are various quartet activities including possible re-instituting spring fling and/or bush league. Specifically, for Tuesday Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, there is planned to have an opportunity for members to sing with Dave Calland, the district representative for Harmony Foundation and lead with several medalist quartets, possibly having a \$2 charge, ½ going to Harmony Foundation and the other ½ to the winner of a drawing.

Events Summary (Carter Combs)

**Past:** Holiday Show. Financials were shown in the Treasurers Report, which shows only transactions through the HOA chapter account. Reconciliation with KCSA is a future item. A report of ticket sales was also provided. There were 30 items donated for Toys for Tots, plus a \$100 cash donation, as reported by Larry Colburn after the meeting.

Caroling Caravan: The total collected for the Salvation Army in the 2014 Caroling Caravan was \$21,500, including over \$2,300 received after the date of the event, as reported by Mike Mathieu at the meeting.

St. Peters Food Pantry: Larry Colburn reported after the meeting that total food items donated in 2014 were 2514, after 2276 items donated in 2013. Donations from the Heartbeats totaled \$65 in 2014, and \$79 in 2013.

**Future:** Annual Awards Dinner. At present, 57 signed up. Expectation is for 64 to be in attendance.

Events Summary, Future (Carter Combs), continued.

Singing Valentines. John Erwine provided a written report. Bank of Blue Valley, College Blvd. will be HQ again this year. Flowerama will provide the roses. Still awaiting confirmation from Helzberg, Russell Stovers, and hotels.

Harmony Explosion (Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>): Three Men & A Melody will assist. No female quartet as yet. Boom Town is also available, if necessary. Jerry Meier is lining up chorus members and others for volunteer assistance.

Spring Show 2015: (Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>): The music is set, learning files for all songs are available. High school quartets are also lined up. The business side is not yet settled.

OLD BUSINESS:

Budget for 2015: The several vice-presidents need to provide their input before it can be finalized. The preliminary budget (released in December) can be used in the meantime.

Chorus Manager Duties: A search committee has been formed to find people to handle various chorus manager duties. Need someone to track attendance. Sunshine chairman – Jan Mathieu has volunteered to handle this, but is presently laid up. Chapter historian: John Erwine has two boxes of historical artifacts, received from Rich Huyck.

Insurance: How this is handled at BHS headquarters is changing. Secretary Jim Porter has the new form. He has obtained a certificate of insurance for our board meetings at St. Thomas More Church, and has submitted application for Singing Valentines use of the Bank of Blue Valley for our headquarters. Looking forward, the chapter may be billed for additional premium for events that involve non-Society members contributing to the program. Our Spring Show may require this additional coverage for members of high school quartets performing on the show.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Resolutions: President Carter Combs presented the 2014 resolutions, which were modified to reflect needs for 2015. These were accepted by a unanimous voice vote of board members present. These are prepared in a separate document by Secretary Jim Porter.

Harmonotes: President Carter Combs called upon each Vice President to prepare an article for each quarterly edition of the Harmonotes. In the past, articles appeared regularly from only the President and Chorus Manager.

At-Large Members: At present, there are 2, but the by-laws specify there ought to be 4. It was the sense of the board that there should be two added, NOT to amend the by-laws to allow for just 2 members. President Carter Combs called on the nominating committee formed to create the 2015 board to identify two additional members.

Loaning of Sound System: Central Standard requested use of our sound system for their annual meeting on Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup>. Dual member Mike Templer would oversee the use of the system. Request approved by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

James R. Porter  
Secretary

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## 2015 Annual Resolutions

**-MOTION: Legal Business:** Authorize Dale Neuman (Board Member Emeritus) authority to carry out the Chapter's legal business to include but not limited to maintaining: Jackson County Personal Property Tax exemption, the license on the HOA trailer, business licensing & registrations, USPS non-profit mailing permit, and the State of Missouri Tax Exemption.

**-MOTION: Funds Acceptance:** John Erwine, Vince Perry, Larry Colburn, Mike Mathieu, Jim Porter and Bob Burdick are hereby authorized to accept funds on behalf of the Chapter which shall be turned over to the chapter treasurer as soon as possible.

**-MOTION: Director Emeritus:** Reconfirm 2008 Board Resolution stating Jim Bagby as the Chapter's Director Emeritus for Life. The HOA Director Emeritus will be recognized and honored as such for life:

1. When any official reference is made of Jim Bagby, whether orally or in print, the title Director Emeritus will follow or precede his name: e.g. Jim Bagby, Director Emeritus or Director Emeritus Jim Bagby.
2. By providing him with two complimentary front row seats at the HOA Annual Show, two complimentary front row seats at the Holiday Show and two complimentary front row seats to special shows.
3. By providing him preferential seating and two complimentary entrances (including dinners) to all official Chapter and chorus dinners, installation/award banquets, afterglows, etc.
4. If at any time at the request of the Music & Performance VP, the Director Emeritus is asked to temporary fill the vacancy of the director (even for one concert or rehearsal, the Director Emeritus will receive mileage, expenses, and remuneration proportional to the current director's compensation package.

**-MOTION: P.R.O.B.E.:** The Chapter Secretary & Treasurer will enroll the Chapter Bulletin Editor, the Chapter Webmaster, the Director Emeritus, and the Chapter VP of PR into the Society's auxiliary program P.R.O.B.E.

**-MOTION: Sunshine Guidelines:** Accept the following Sunshine Guidelines:

1. *Death of a Chapter Member:* A \$100 donation from the Chapter to the charity of the Family's choice or the Harmony Foundation (if the family does not specify a charity) and HOA members sing at the funeral if requested by family to do so.
2. *Death in the Family of a Chapter Member:* A \$50 donation from the Chapter to the charity of the Family's choice or the Harmony Foundation (if family does not specify a charity) for any immediate family member of an HOA member; wife, significant other, mother, father, sister, brother, son or daughter. For any other family member, a condolence card will be sent to the chorus member and family.
3. *Serious Illness (hospitalization) of Chapter Member or Immediate Family:* A get well card will be sent; Chapter will be informed to encourage calls and visits.
4. *Wedding of Chapter Member and other special cases:* Request donations from members and present as a cash gift, a gift from the wedding registry list, or another known item of specific need.

**-MOTION: Bank Account and Credit Card Signatories:** Direct 2015 Chapter Treasurer to add the following officers to the signatory list on the HOA checking account and credit card account at the Bank of Lee's Summit, MO: Chapter President, Chapter Treasurer, Secretary, and Chorus Manager and to remove all others. Credit cards will only be issued to the Treasurer and Chorus Manager.