

Heart of America Chapter – A048
Barbershop Harmony Society
Kansas City, Missouri
Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting
June 8th, 2015

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

Meeting called to order at 6:09PM by President Carter Combs.

Board Members present at that time:

Carter Combs (President), John Erwine (Imm. Past Pres), Harvey Shapiro (Treasurer),
Mike Schumacher (Oper. VP), Mike Mathieu (Program VP), Jim Porter (Secretary),
Tony O'Brien (At Large).

Board Member Connected by Telephone (out of town)

Brad Dawdy (Music VP).

Board Members Arriving by 6:40 PM:

Ted Simon (Marketing VP), Bob Velazquez (At Large).

Board Members Absent:

Marlin Weidler (Exec VP), Jerry Meier (Membership VP), Steve Keisker (At Large).

The minutes for the previous meeting on May 11th, 2015 were prepared in printed form by secretary Jim Porter. These were accepted as presented.

Treasurer Harvey Shapiro presented his report for May.

Total income for May	\$13,396.25;	total expenses	\$ 9,299.42.
Spring Show YTD Inc:	\$16,055.50;	total expenses	\$16,829.34. (Should be final.)
Unrestricted funds (members or social fund) available:	\$ 6,668.89.		
Restricted funds (operating fund) available:	\$ 4,739.22.		
Designated funds:	Net on deposit:	\$ 600.00.	
Total in checking account:	\$ 5,228.92,		
Total in Truman Foundation:	\$ 6,779.19;	Total:	\$12,008.11.

The report was placed on file for audit as presented.

It was agreed not to restore the \$4,500 taken from the Truman Fund to meet Spring Show expenses. Charles Ramirez now has everything he needs to complete the audit for 2014.

Membership Report (Jerry Meier) Absent, written report submitted ahead of the meeting.

Member Count: 128 presently, 128 same date 2014, 129 same date 2013. Seven overdue, 4 likely will drop.

Six new members have joined since January 1st. (No changes from May report.)

Guest night June 28th is cancelled. Next scheduled guest night is July 28th.

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Membership Report (Cont.)

Membership Handouts (Spring Show): Unused ones were recovered, can be used later (not date specific).

Membership Growth: Jerry continues to have contact with 6 prospective new members.

Kansas Choral Directors Association Annual Conference: (July in Topeka) Plan to have an exhibit at this conference to promote Harmony Explosion.

Music Team Report (Brad Dawdy) Oral report, by telephone. (Brad is in Tulsa, OK)

The music team met Sunday May 31st and has decided to go to contest with "I'll Be Seeing You" (previously in the chorus repertoire 10 years ago) and "South Rampart Street Parade". Learning tracks are available for leads and basses only for "I'll Be Seeing You". President Carter Combs will prepare one for the tenors, it was suggested Jonathan Andrews could do similar for the baritones. Reports that appearance at Starlight Theater and the Spring Fling both were successful. Also reports that recent changes to have sectionals and quartet activities at Tuesday meetings has been well received. No firm date yet for the chorus retreat, targeting either Sept. 19th or Sept. 26th. Waiting on responses from venues.

Operations Report (Mike Schumacher) No report. Mike will not be available to haul risers at district contest.

Marketing Report (Ted Simon) Oral report.

Publicity for Holiday Show: Plans to have postcards to distribute at Singing in the Park event July 12th.

The Holiday Show committee met prior to the meeting and has decided on one show, 3:00 PM December 5th.

Plan also to publicize Singing in Park, but City of Overland Park will also publicize that event.

Program Vice President (Mike Mathieu) Oral report.

After a successful Spring Fling, plans now are for a Bush League quartet competition in the fall. The principal difference for this event is that chapter members form their own quartet groups subject to the limitation that no more than two singers can be from an existing registered quartet. Barbershoppers from other area chapters will also be invited to participate in the program. The date for this event has not yet been fixed.

Plans are also being made to visit retirement homes for a short, unpaid singout. These would take place on a Tuesday evening before our regular meeting. Specific dates and locations will be announced later. The objective is to encourage greater participation in the Salvation Army Caravan in December.

Plans are also being made for the next Guest Night (July 28th) to have a picnic as part of the welcoming activity.

Events Summary.

Spring Show: There was no discussion other than financial results. Show chairman Kent Miller was not present.

Starlight Theater (May 23rd): This was successful despite stormy weather that cut attendance by 2/3.

There remains a good chance that we will be invited to return in the future for similar appearances.

Music in the Park (July 12th): The date is firm. Plan afterglow at home of Bob Velazquez after the show.

The lineup for the show still needs to be set. It will be a 90-minute show with several chapter quartets.

Golf Tournament (September). Tabled until next month, chairman Kent Miller was not present.

Events Summary

Vocality Show: (Oct. 2nd): Don Fuson is handling arrangements for this show. Still do not have a venue. Looking for a school or church that has a suitable venue that they are willing to open to us for this show at a nominal cost.

District Convention: (Oct. 8th-10th): The chapter has agreed to host this event, but there is much work to be done and the time frame is short. Mike Mathieu, who has had considerable prior experience with this event, summarized some of the things that need to be done. District people have done most of the work to date, and are taking charge of most of the functions previously handled by the local chapter. President Carter Combs presented an outline of a convention team, noting that several positions need to be filled.

Holiday Show: (Dec. 5th): As noted previously, the decision has been made to do ONE show, at 3:00 PM. Investigation was made, but were unable to find a suitable alternative venue, so it remains at Unity Village.

OLD BUSINESS:

Amazon Smile Fund Raiser: This is now active and available. However, we need to provide bank information so that money designated for our chorus may be deposited. Carter will forward info to Harvey, the treasurer.

Applebee's Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser: This is no longer a viable option (as of June 24th).

Great Midwest Balloon Festival: The committee for this event has extended us an invitation to help as in past years, and is offering \$750 compensation. However, there is not yet a venue identified for this event. It will NOT be at the Kansas Speedway (where it was in 2014). As a consequence, this event for now is not a fixed event on our calendar.

American Royal Barbecue. This will be the weekend of Oct. 2nd. With a prior commitment, this is infeasible.

Historical Archives: Some interesting items were located, such as a picture of O.C. Cash chartering our chapter as the 2nd in the Society and a program from our 2nd annual show in 1947. The plan is to scan all of the old paper, including show programs, news letters and anything else of interest, to have everything stored electronically, after which the paper can go back to the owners.

Chapter Website: Vince Perry is the Webmaster. Any changes in format would be through him.

NEW BUSINESS:

Blue Springs Fall Fun Festival: (Sept. 18th-20th) John Braden made initial contact with the Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce, who is open to having us do a performance as part of the festivities. Compensation is possible, this could be another event like Singing in the Park. Details remain to be worked out.

Casual Uniform Shirts: Ted Simon has been invited to make a recommendation, as his firm is able to produce these shirts, once a design is settled upon. In the discussion, it was agreed we should have a button down shirt that will look good NOT tucked into the pants.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13th, 2015.

James R. Porter
Secretary