

Heart of America Chapter – A048  
Barbershop Harmony Society  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting  
October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by President Carter Combs.

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

Late Arrivals (None):

Board Members Absent: Bob Velazquez (Music VP), Ted Simon (Marketing VP),  
Charles Ramirez (At Large), Barry Sanders (Exec. VP).

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

The minutes for the previous meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 were prepared in printed form by secretary Jim Porter. These were accepted as presented.

Treasurer Harvey Shapiro provided his report for September.

Total income, month:	\$ 4,748.91;	total expenses	\$12,078.90.
Net (deficit) for month:	\$(7,329.99);	budgeted:	\$(11,390.00).
Net (deficit) for year:	\$(15,368.61);	budgeted:	\$(20,335.00).

It was necessary to withdraw \$4,000 from the Truman Fund to meet expenses for the month.

Significant income items:	Net of Entries and Sponsors, Golf Tourney	\$ 3,390.00.
	Received from Members, District	810.00.
Significant expense items:	Expenses, Golf Tourney (Greens Fees)	\$ 3,074.89.
	Expenses Connected to Annual Show	5,173.41.
	Registrations Paid, District Convention	2,540.00.
	Hall Rental, Director stipend (each month)	880.00.
	Harmonotes, Fall 2016 Edition	300.00.

Unrestricted funds (members or social fund) available:	\$ 7,855.52.
Restricted funds (operating fund) available:	\$(9,526.26).
Designated funds:	Net on deposit: \$ 1,200.00.
Total in checking account:	\$ (470.74);
Total in Truman Foundation:	\$ 2,757.45; Total: \$ 2,286.71.

The deficit in the checking account was covered in early October when the deposit check for the retreat (for \$300) was returned unpaid, and the check for district registrations remained outstanding into October.

Treasurer's Report, concluded.

October to date shows total deposits of \$3,100 plus \$300 credit for the retreat deposit return, offset by \$1,027.10 total expenses paid. The checking account balance as of October 6<sup>th</sup> was \$1,902.16.

A summary report for activities since 2014 was presented. Highlights from recent events as of October 6<sup>th</sup>:

Holiday Show 2016:	Expenses to date:	\$ 624.57.				
Annual Show 2016:	Income:	\$2,902.85.	Expenses:	\$6,172.58.	Net loss:	\$(3,269.73).
Golf Tourney 2016:	Income:	\$7,140.00.	Expenses:	\$3,696.02.	Net gain:	\$ 3,943.98.
District Conv 2016:	Income:	\$1,019.68.	Expenses:	\$3,679.68.	Net cost:	\$(2,128.75).
Fall Retreat 2016:	Income:	\$1,600.00.	Expenses:	\$2,235.20.	Net cost:	\$( 635.20).

The report was placed on file for audit as presented.

**Marketing Report** (Ted Simon): Absent, no report.

It was noted that 5,000 postcard invitations for the Holiday Show are ready and most have been mailed out. Additional invitations will be sent to people in the Lee's Summit area in an effort to increase ticket sales.

**Membership Report** (Jerry Meier) Provided a written report. Summary:

Total members as of July: 106, down 2 from September. Wade Dexter (deceased) and Maurice Smith are dropped.

Larry Colburn is long overdue and is likely not to renew, as he is unable to sing.

Jonathan Andrews and Anthony Fortino both are identified as recently overdue. Neither is currently active.

The afterglow for the annual show was a success. There were approximately 48 in attendance. They paid in \$204 for refreshments (34 @ \$6 ea) and there was a donation of \$198, total income \$402. Total expenses were \$363, room rental and cost of pizza and other refreshments. The event thus produced a profit for the chapter of \$39.

The Annual Awards Banquet for 2017 is now scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup> (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 7<sup>th</sup>. A partial refund is available if we cancel after that date. A motion was made and passed at the meeting to ask for \$40 per individual, or \$70 per couple, for tickets to the banquet, the amount covers both the cost of the food and the facilities rental fee. Note that last year, banquet tickets were priced at \$35.

**Music Team Report** (Bob Velazquez) Absent, but provided a written report.

The music team met Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> (before the previous board meeting), but has not met since.

A summary of items in the report:

1. It is the sense of the music team that the chapter should prepare for the spring convention in Wichita on the weekend of April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> to sing a contest set for evaluation purposes only. A motion is required to be made to the board to approve this action, but no motion was presented at this meeting. The team is committed to moving forward despite the disappointing showing in the October district competition.
2. The team is also considering having a retreat in the spring of 2017. It is their intention to consider this action during the next music team meeting. They would seek to have currently active judges come in as coaches.

Music Team Report, concluded (as reported in September).

3. Holiday Show, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Unity Village As the Sweet Adelines now also rehearse on Tuesdays, joint meetings are planned for November 1<sup>st</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup>.
4. Annual Show 2017: The search team is still awaiting a response from the Bell Center in Olathe for available dates for this show. It now appears no Saturday in March or April is available. It was suggested we try for a May date, all agreed that a Sunday date would not work well. If all else fails, other sites may be investigated, they were identified in 2016. A return to Liberty was not ruled out as an option.

**Operations Report** (Steve Keisker) Oral report.

The risers were successfully taken to Cedar Rapids and returned, but it was noted a bolt was missing. There are spare parts on hand, this should not be a problem. The New Harmony Handful is to do a show at John Knox Village on Sunday (Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>) and will need to have three riser sections for that show. Kevin Trisch also reports that a bag containing microphones and small speakers was found to be missing.

**Program Vice President** (Vacant)

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

**Events Summary.** (Prior to meeting)

Blue Springs Fun Fest (Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>): We were well received and it is likely we will be invited to return next year.

Annual Show (Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>): See the treasurer's report, the financial report for the show tells the story. Other than the financial loss, the show was received well and the audience enjoyed it. Better planning in 2017 and a spring date in the southwest part of the metro area should make it possible to present a show that will provide a profit.

Golf Scramble, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. Great weather, good planning, good turnout, and a profit that fully covered the loss from the annual show. A hearty thank you to Kent Miller and all who helped out.

District Convention (Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>): The results were disappointing, but otherwise, everything went well.

**Events Summary.** (Subsequent to meeting)

Holiday Show 2016: The publicity is out, the songs are set, joint practices scheduled. It is time to sell tickets, and to learn the new song we will be doing. All the .MP3 files are available on the Website.

Caroling Caravan 2016: Mike Mathieu has again agreed to chair this fundraiser for the Salvation Army.

Awards Banquet 2017: See the membership report. The awards committee has been appointed.

Singing Valentines 2017: Still no chairman yet. John Erwine insists he will not do it! Help from the ladies will be a plus.

Harmony Explosion 2017: Date and place now set (Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, Olathe East H.S.) Jerry M. is lining up the quartets.

There was no old business nor new business discussed at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

James R. Porter, Secretary