

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

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

Total members as of July 31st: 98, down 2 from June. Dale Neuman and Ron Willard are dropped.

The chapter held its 2nd annual an Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, July 18th, in lieu of our regular meeting. The night was deemed a huge success as both Central Standard and Olathe Trails chapters came with a good portion of their members. Each chapter sang a set of songs for the others, then all were on the risers together to sing polecat songs with directing shared by directors from each chapter. All had a good time and look forward eagerly to next year.

The Installation Banquet for 2018 is now scheduled for Saturday, January 13th. The location will be at Cinzetti's Italian Restaurant, 7201 W. 91st Street (just west of Metcalf) in Overland Park. Provided we have 50 or more at the banquet, all may enjoy an all you care to eat buffet for a cost of \$20 to \$25 per person.

Harmony Explosion! 2018 is scheduled for February 17th at Olathe East High School. Harmonium has agreed to be the featured quartet for the day. Pizzazz has agreed to be the featured Sweet Adelines quartet.

Music Team Report (Bob Velazquez) Oral report, provided a written report after the meeting. The music team met Sunday, Aug. 13th. A summary of items in the report:

- District Contest: At this point, most probable for the contest is "Basin Street Blues" and "Once in a Lifetime (I'll Be Seeing You)". These were chosen as songs with a more positive theme than "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime". The 2nd is a song that has been in the repertoire for some time and is the one the chorus knows best and is able to perform at its best. A final decision will be made after the Saturday (Aug. 19th) coaching session.
- District Contest: There was also discussion about costuming, most likely will be tuxedos with perhaps a minor costume change (different tie, for example). There was also discussion about allowing Jim Bagby direct one song. The consensus of the board is that Bob ought to direct both songs. Jim is willing to remain involved as a consultant, probably by adding his insight via member communications after each weekly meeting.
- Saturday Coaching: Plan at this point is August 19th at Longview Community College, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The coach will be Andrew Rembecki, who is an assistant director for Central Standard.
- Annual Show 2018: The music team recommended After Hours (Illinois District) as the headliner quartet. They are available for the show date (June 16th, 2018) for a fee of \$2,500 plus travel expenses. After Hours placed 3rd at the International contest in Las Vegas a month previously.
- Riser Discipline: It was the consensus that this needs to be re-emphasized. One suggested change was to end break time with a singing activity so that laggards will know it is time to return to the meeting.
- Performances: The repertoire for Blue Springs (Sept. 16th) will be similar to that sung June 24th at St. Peter's Church. Uniform for this date will be informal, grey polo shirt, jeans.
- There will also be a performance Saturday September 9th at St. Mark's Coptic Church. This is a major event for this church, it marks their New Year. The chorus should, and will, wear its formal tuxedos for this program. Our songs will be placed in context with the other activities planned by the church on this occasion.
- Holiday Show 2017: The first meeting of the Holiday Show committee will be Tuesday, August 29th. In general, as both chapters now practice on Tuesday, these meetings will be planned for the hour prior to the meetings.

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Music Team Report (Bob Velazquez), continued.

- **Holiday Show 2017:** The committee has agreed to hire The Newfangled Four as the headliner quartet. This comedy quartet from Far Western District placed 9th at International in Las Vegas last month. The program following this quartet should be upbeat and not be a sharp contrast to this quartet's performance.
- Some changes are needed for the Holiday Show committee as longtime member and treasurer Pat Kies is wanting to retire. Our treasurer Harvey Shapiro was recommended to succeed her. Also, Marlin Wiedler, ticket chairman for our Annual Show, was recommended to succeed Rich Huyck in that role for the Holiday Show.
- There was considerable discussion about the repertoire for the show, a discussion that will continue in future meetings. It was suggested that Holiday Show music be rehearsed every other week so that members of New Harmony Handful could know when to come and participate with the chorus to work on this music.
- **National Barbershop Quartet Day (April 11, 2018):** President Barry Sanders reported at the meeting (and at the board meeting) that an agreement has been reached with the Meulenbach Hotel that will waive the \$3,000 room charge for this event, making it financially feasible to move forward with plans for the event. At present, this could become an event involving all Kansas City chapters and attract national interest. Kansas City Mayor Sly James will have a proclamation for the day. Planning at present is in the preliminary stages, there will be much more about this event in future meetings.

Operations Report: (Steve Keisker)

St. Mark's church, in preparation for the September 9th performance, is working with our people to assure that their sound system will be adequately prepared for that event.

Program: While this position is vacant, Mike Schumacher and Jim Bagby have agreed to fill in.

No report was provided at this meeting.

Old Business:

- The annual audit has been completed by Ron Fortino and treasurer Harvey Shapiro has his report. The report, dated July 20, 2017, was released to the board the day after the board meeting.
- The situation with Jerry Garrard remains in limbo, nothing is expected to happen before October, and legal delays could easily extend that time. There may be a time set for a court hearing on August 24th. If the delays extend into 2018, it is possible that the chapter will have to make a decision with regard to Jerry's future involvement. For now, it remains that he is free to return if his case is settled with a favorable outcome.
- With the departure of Dale Neuman, the many things he did for the chapter needs to be done by others. John Erwine has been asked to take over most of these functions. Dale left Barry Sanders with a large box of papers.
- President Barry Sanders has prepared a final summary report from the member surveys earlier this year. This report will be published in the next issue of the Harmonotes, which will be released by month end.

New Business:

- Olathe Trails West Chorus has requested the use of Bob Murphy's riser chair for their September show. A motion was made and approved to allow them the use of the chair without charge.
- A proposal to purchase riser stools was considered, but no action was taken because there was no specific request to purchase. Mike Schumacher will work to prepare a request for the next meeting. .

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New Business: (Concluded)

- A proposal to prepare new T-shirts for the October district contest was considered. Ted Simon has agreed to prepare the shirts. A motion was made and passed to proceed, once Ted had prepared a design and presented it to the board for approval. Individual members would pay for their shirts, about \$10 each.
- A motion was made and approved to extend an invitation to the quartet After Hours to be the headliner quartet for our Annual Show June 16th, 2018. The Board thereby accepts their contract terms (stated previously).
- Rick Taylor, representing Harmony Foundation, is planning to be at the chapter meeting on September 5th. The plan is to give him time to make a presentation during the program segment of the meeting. Carter Combs received the request from Rick and made the arrangements.
- President Barry Sanders will prepare an invitation to come out for the planned coaching session on Saturday August 19th and distribute it to the performing chorus members in the upcoming week.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11th, 2017.

James R. Porter, Secretary

Special board meeting, called by President Barry Sanders on Tuesday, August 29th.

Called to order at 9:35 PM by President Barry Sanders.

Board Members present at that time:	Barry Sanders (President),	Mike Schumacher (Executive VP),
Jim Porter (Secretary),	Harvey Shapiro (Treasurer),	Carter Combs (Imm. Past President),
Steve Keisker (Operations VP),	Ted Simon (Marketing VP),	Jerry Meier (Membership VP),
Charles Ramirez (At Large),	Bob Murphy (At Large).	

Board Member Absent: Bob Velazquez (Music VP).

For the past several years, the chapter has paid for the cost of registrations for members of the competing chorus at the district convention. The question for this meeting was “should the chapter pay for the registrations for members of the competing chorus at the 2017 district convention?”

In the discussion it was brought out that there were not sufficient funds in the chapter account to provide for the \$1,800 payout that would be required. Note in the minutes of August 14th, the balance in the checking account was \$8,458.52 as of the end of July, and the social fund (the fund that would be used to pay for the registrations) had in it \$7,669.05.

In the end, it was agreed that the chapter would NOT pay in advance for these registrations, and that an announcement would be made that each member should make his own arrangements to pay for his registration (and hotel room), and that any member for whom this would be a financial barrier that would prevent him from participating in the contest could appeal to President Sanders or Treasurer Shapiro for financial support from the chapter.

President Sanders agreed to make the announcement in the coming week.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.