



**Treasurer's Report**, continued.

As of July 8<sup>th</sup>, income received in July:                 \$   75.00       (Annual Show advertisement);  
Expenses paid to date: \$ 360.00 (Church rental); Balance:     \$16,373.50.     (all funds).

The report was placed on file for audit as presented.

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

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

Total members as of June 30<sup>th</sup>: 100, down 2 from May. Val Putzier and Harold Solomon have joined Chapter Eternal.

Report of Afterglow on June 17<sup>th</sup>: All went well, total receipts was \$458 (Treasurer's report). It was noted that fewer HOA members attended than were anticipated, and that a considerable amount of food was left over. (The food was offered to members at Tuesday meetings at the end of June.)

The chapter will have an Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, in lieu of our regular meeting. Like last year, we plan to invite the other chapters in the area (Central Standard, Leavenworth Cody Choraliers, Olathe Trails West Chapter) to join us, perform for us and otherwise share in the festivities. Confirmations have been received from each of the invited chapters, and it is anticipated it will be a fun evening. A Guest Night is scheduled for the following week, July 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Installation Banquet for 2018 is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Jerry has found that St. Andrews Golf Club offers an attractive alternative if we have it on a weeknight. Therefore, consideration was given to having the banquet either on Tuesday (Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>) or Thursday (Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>). We could then have a private room for not more than \$30 per plate. It was the consensus of the board that the Thursday date would be best.

Harmony Explosion! 2018 is scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup> 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. Jerry attended the Kansas Choral Directors Convention in June and made contacts with over 100 music educators there. It was an opportunity to announce the Society's new initiative "Everyone in Harmony".

**Music Team Report** (Bob Velazquez) Absent, but provided a written report. The music team met Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.

A summary of items in the report:

- July 18<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social: Plan to have everyone singing together, singing polecat songs. Several songs were selected from both the old book and the new book. (Note: The chapter focused on these songs at the regular chapter meeting the next evening.)
- District Contest: There was considerable discussion about what songs to bring to contest. Most probable is "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime". The 2<sup>nd</sup> song is between "Basin Street Blues" and "I'll Be Seeing You". The fourth song "Way You Look Tonight" is less likely.
- Saturday Coaching: Plan at this point is August 19<sup>th</sup> at Longview Community College, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The coach has not yet been identified; Carter Combs is looking into this matter.

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**Music Team Report** (Bob Velazquez, concluded)

- **Section Rehearsals:** It was the consensus that the sections need to have leaders identified and to have specific goals. Probable leaders: Tenors – Carter Combs. Leads – Mike Schumacher. Baritones – Jerry Meier. Basses – David Stockard. Bob Murphy and Keith Schweer were also identified as coaches in other aspects.
- **Performances:** The repertoire for Blue Springs (Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>) will be similar to that sung June 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's Church. This performance was the result of a contact by John Braden with the Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce, and it was suggested other members ought to seek to make similar contacts to book singouts. There will also be an opportunity with Blue Ridge Bank on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, which would result in a \$500 stipend. Bob Murphy noted that one at the St. Peter's Church performance was a local actress who expressed interest in providing an opportunity to perform at the New Theater Restaurant. There are other possibilities as well.
- **Holiday Show 2017:** Initial planning for this performance is underway. The intent is to treat this as a joyous occasion and not as a drudgery. At least one song for Hanukkah will be included.
- **Looking Forward, 2018 and beyond:** A variety of things were discussed, the consensus was it is not too soon to be selecting new music to learn in 2018, and that we need to build on the successes we have seen this year. For the present, chapter members ought to remain in their riser positions. To aid those who find it difficult to stand on the risers for long periods, the chapter will be acquiring riser chairs for those who need them.

**Operations Report:** (Steve Keisker) Absent, no report.

**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:**

Member surveys: President Barry Sanders provided a compilation of objectives as determined from the surveys and the several previous meetings where board members discussed what was revealed in these surveys. A summary:

- Immediate Objectives
  1. More vocal instruction.
  2. Change of schedule of activities at Tuesday meetings.
  3. Guest night once per quarter.
  4. Acquire riser stools for those members who need them.
- Medium Term Objectives
  1. More singing opportunities.
  2. Administrative section leaders (contacting absent members).
  3. Social chairman, to plan non-singing social activities.
  4. Directors and section leaders to meet after rehearsals to discuss future plans.
  5. Acquire coaching expertise for singing, choreography, acting skills, etc.
  6. Utilize social media effectively. (Added at the meeting)
- Long Term Goals – develop an action plan for these goals
  1. Recruitment of new members.
  2. Reactivation of currently inactive members.
  3. Routinely singing for audiences that provide possible new members.
  4. Enhance fellowship and team building.
  5. Leverage our tradition (history) for community involvement.

**Old Business** (Cont.)

**National Barbershop Quartet Day** (April 11, 2018)

Barry Sanders and Mike Schumacher continue negotiations with the Meulenbach Hotel in an effort to have this event take place in the hotel at a reasonable cost.

**Annual Audit:** Ron Fortino has the information he needs and will complete this audit in July. The budget for 2017 has not yet been approved by the Board.

**Signups for Future Events:** To date, only 14 or so members have signed up for the district contest and other planned events for 2017. Only one (Jerry Garrard, see below) has said “no”. It is the consensus of the board that we will proceed as planned and continue to urge others to go to the signup page and commit to participate.

**New Business:**

1. Dale Neuman will move to Maine in mid-August and will lay his wife’s remains to rest there. We will need to find another to take his place as the chapter legal advisor and resident expert on all such administrative things. The chosen person must be a Missouri resident. Several names were suggested. Barry Sanders will select one.
2. Jerry Garrard’s personal situation has placed the chapter in a difficult situation. It was the consensus of the board that details of the discussion that took place on how the chapter will move forward in light of this situation remain in the board room and not be included in these minutes. To sum up:
  - a. Jerry is on a leave of absence from the chapter until this personal matter is resolved.
  - b. Bob Velazquez has agreed to serve as our chorus director through the end of 2017.
  - c. Once Jerry’s personal matter is resolved, the board will decide how to move forward at that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

James R. Porter, Secretary