

5/25/2018 Music Committee Recap

Members Present: John Eilers, Dave Harmon, Bill Litz, Joan Ray, Chuck Thurman, Stephanie Thurman
Absent: Sue Atkins (Nick Adams asked to be taken off committee)

Items Discussed:

1. Use of Section Leaders
 - a. teaching tags and songs – **schedule some sectionals at 6:15 before chorus**
 - b. helping director set a goal for each singer - what can we help them do better
 - c. help director know what trouble spots to work

2. Performance Scheduling
 - a. District Competition - Fresno October 13 - are we on? **YES from all members**
 - b. How Many Performances (2 a month or less) – **Try to schedule valuable performances**
--- remote rehearsals - **Fear was voiced that it takes away from practice time, so not too many**
 - c. Help Schedule Quartets – **let the quartets pick up some requests made for chorus participation**
 - d. Reasonable Fees for:
 - i. Chorus - **\$150**
 - ii. Quartets - **\$50 or more for longer times** (*should discuss if that is chorus or quartet \$*)

3. Training
 - a. Pole Cat continuing as people want to qualify
 - b. Music Theory Training
15-30 minutes Before Chorus - will that optional time be a good time?
15 minutes during chorus - would in essence making that a requirement be worth the time
15-30 minutes at the end of chorus (9:15 would that be better than before?)
4 levels of music theory - 6 days per level (could be done one per week maybe)
<http://www.barbershop.org/education/online-education/music-theory/>
Joan Suggested levels 1 and 2 – maybe start in July
– **lets do those in chorus to help people learn basis music skills**
- **then offer sections 3 and/or 4 outside chorus time for those that find it interesting**
 - c. Also looked at some possible materials that could be created to go in music folders

4. Meeting Thoughts
 - a. Projection Acquisition can allow us to project
 - HU Video Warm Ups (**do a 15 minute one on guest night**)
 - Tags (can display one or two a week instead of printing)
 - Performance Recording and review (see what we look like and critique)
 - Watching Champ Videos (could have some playing as people come in)
 - International Contest Party--- if people want to pitch in we could watch at church or a home

5. Performance Betterment
 - a. Develop A Performance plan for each song – **looked at sample for "Chances Are"**
will be posted on web site soon
 - b. Develop Internal Visual Team - people to help design the visual plan – *need to assign and start working*
 - c. Vocal Coaching - Should we bring in a "Ron Black" type?
 - d. Visual Coaching - Should we bring in a "Mike Cating"?
Discussion was maybe not before contest – but maybe as we get songs under our belt we should

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6. New costuming - I'm working on some thoughts like maybe...
 - Black, White and a specific color (like blue, maroon, teal) – **Black, Gray, White and Red**
 - Layered look - shirt & tie -- shirt & vest -- shirt & jacket -- tie & sweater
 - could use pants, skirts, dresses as long as its a good look on each person
 - simple jewelry for women (bracelet or necklace or earrings) not too much
 - each person responsible for their outfit within color and nice look guideline

when we add new people or something gets ruined, just find something that meets the criteria

We looked at some samples ideas – *see below*

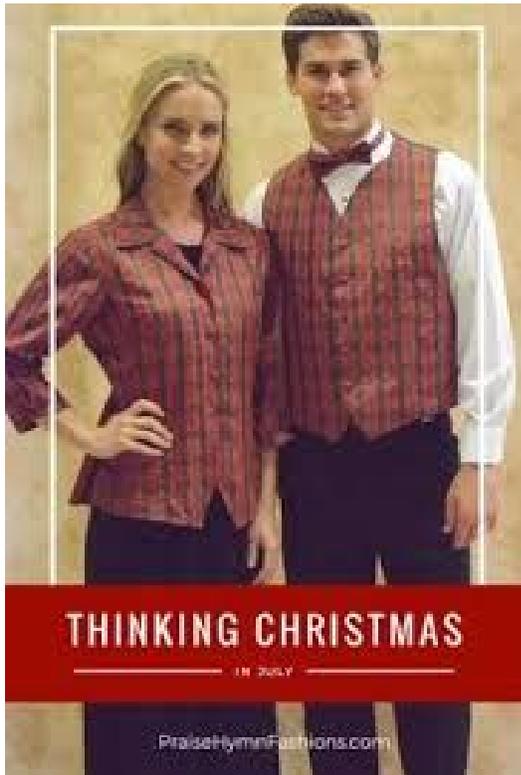
General feeling was one of excitement at the thought – *need to establish a costume committee*
7. Makeup
 - Talk of costume change and contest also led to the need to address the possibility of minimal make up
8. Some thoughts were expressed about:
 - a. needing to revisit the mission statement
 - b. considering comments that have been made about a name change

Items To Discuss at next meeting **Friday June 29th at 6:30PM:**

1. A new rep list of songs
2. A plan for purchase, release and expected practice starts for new songs for the next 6 to nine months







A named plaid? Would automatically look dressy-little change of personal choice screwing it up-could do jackets, pants/skirts, ties, scarves or button up shirts with another solid layer, even wool caps if some guys wanted a hat.

<https://www.greenhousefabrics.com/blog/tartan-vs-plaid-vs-check>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tartans









Preppy/Golf/Dapper/Gatsby? Lot of leeway, variety of comfortability, but people will need narrow instructions because preppy means different things to different people.