

# 6/29/2018 Music Team Minutes

Members Present: Sue Atkins, Nancy Hennefer, Bill Litz, Joan Ray, Chuck Thurman, Stephanie Thurman  
Absent: John Eilers, Dave Harmon

## Items to Discuss:

1. Mission Statement Revision – **Push to Board to set up committee**
  - a. Looking for “mixed” and women/men references
  - b. Competition considerations
  - c. Name “adjustment” adding MIXED  
**Discussion suggested NO business name change, but for promotional materials adding MIXED and maybe dropping STOCKTON .... “PORTSMEN MIXED BARBERSHOP CHORUS”.**

2. Fees for Quartets
  - a. Chapter Contact should ask **\$50 or more for longer times**
  - b. Policy on quartet \$ distribution – **Assign team to write policy**

Whether the gig comes to the quartet through the chorus or direct to the quartet, the quartet should be able to decide if they would like to donate all or a part of their fee to the chorus if they so choose. Reason being is the quartet members are the ones taking on the obligation of performing the gig giving of their time and money to attend. It's only because they choose to make the time, commitment and the extra rehearsals that they were able to perform the gig in the first place.

Quartets that are registered with BHS, SAI, HI, or MBHA have made a commitment to being ambassadors of barbershop harmony and are usually incurring expenses in their striving for excellence. They should have the option to use those funds for betterment of the quartet. However, we are still all under a 501c3 status and even those quartets should donate excess funds to worthy causes.

In no case should funds that come in be used as income to any member of a quartet. Paying expenses is reasonable use.

**Discussion of the above wording prompted some thoughts that Nancy volunteered to put into writing. We can review this policy that will be pushed up to the Board after revisions are finalized.**

3. FWD Fall Convention  
Saturday October 13, 2018  
Fresno Convention & Entertainment Center 848 M St, Fresno, CA 93721 in the Saroyan Theater  
Headquarters Hotel - Double Tree Convention Center Hotel 2233 Ventura St, Fresno, CA 93721 (559) 268-1000
  - a. Only MBHA Chorus of the 25 choruses invited – order will be determined by draw (September?)
  - b. Added to Calendar – **sent confirmation eMail to Brett Littlefield –working with Brett and Janine from MBHA to make sure that the contest gets set up for MIXED.**
  - c. Chorus preparation committee
    - i. Songs  
**Chances Are – Greg Volk**  
**Discussed using “It’s Almost Like Being In Love” – David Harrington or “Taking A Chance On Love” – Giallombardo --- Decided to use something we already know instead of \$ for purchase and the time to start something from scratch – Decided on “Come Fly With Me” – got a copy of the *Realtime* intro to see if that would be a nice addition.**
    - ii. Costume plan (**see separate agenda item**)

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- iii. Coaching
    - 1. Vocal Coaching - Should we bring in a "Gabe Caretto"? – **Chuck will talk to Gabe**
    - 2. Visual Coaching - Should we bring in a "Mike Cating"? – **Setting up August 7th**
  - iv. Hotel suggestions – **get list to members that need help**
  - v. Early Registration – **get dates to members**
  - vi. **BHS membership current – MBHA membership current – all good at this moment**
  - vii. Chorus dinner in Fresno – **develop a plan**
  - viii. Hospitality suite – **consider hosting one**
  - ix. "Friends and Family" night – **schedule a couple weeks before contest with feedback cards**
4. 2018 Fall Show – Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 2PM-4PM – **Didn't discuss much – will more next meeting**  
Christmas Theme  
Zion Lutheran Church Stockton, CA
- a. Assign Tasks
    - i. Tickets – Carol and AI?
    - ii. Advertising – Dave?
    - iii. Script – Bill and AI?
    - iv. Costume - ?
    - v. Program – Bill and ?
    - vi. Afterglow – Joan?
  - b. Song Selection
    - i. No Place Like Home For The Holidays
    - ii. Winter Wonderland
    - iii. Jingle Bell Rock (might get some dancers – Stockton City Tappers)
    - iv. Away In A Manger (**Need to Arrange – asking Chuck Kenney**)
    - v. Mele Kelimaka (**Need to Order**)
    - vi. I'll Be Home for Christmas
    - vii. Christmas Island – SAI (**Ordered**)
    - viii. Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town
    - ix. Little Saint Nick (**Maybe better for a VLQ**)
    - x. Believe *from Polar Express* (**Need to Order**)
    - xi. What Are You Doing New Year's Eve (quartet)
    - xii. Silent Night
    - xiii. We Wish You A Merry Christmas
  - c. TuneStruck
    - i. Grinch
    - ii. O Christmas Tree
    - iii. Man With The Bag
  - d. Other Chorus Quartets – and High School groups
  - e. Headliner(s)
    - i. Fresco?
    - ii. Men's Group
5. 2019 Ice Cream Social – Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> – 2PM-4PM – **Didn't discuss much – will more next meeting**  
Saint Patrick's Irish Theme  
Elks Lodge Stockton, CA
- a. Song Selection

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- i. Sweet Rosie O'Grady's My Wild Irish Rose
  - ii. Irish Blessing
  - iii. Irish Lullaby
  - iv. When Irish Eyes Are Smilin'
  - v. Harrigan
  - vi. Oh Danny Boy
  - vii. If You're Irish (maybe quartet)
  - viii. Loch Lomond (maybe quartet)
  - ix. Saints Go Marching In
6. Performance Betterment
- a. Develop A Performance plan for each song – **need volunteers or is complete music team?**
  - b. Develop Internal Visual Team - people to help design the visual plan – **need to assign and start working**
  - c. Visual Coaching - **Mike Cating – August 7<sup>th</sup>**
  - d. Vocal Coaching – Suggestions – **Gabe Carretto? – Chuck will check with Gabe**
7. New costuming - **need to establish a costume committee**  
**Costume Chair – Joan Ray**  
**Carol Clark, Nancy Hennefer, Chuck Thurman, Stephanie Thurman, Dave Harmon, Sue Atkins**
8. Song Plan – Rep List – **Didn't discuss this too much other than recognizing there is a plan in place**
- a. Updated Rep List on web (still changes based on future plans)
  - b. Need to start reviewing show Christmas songs starting in July
  - c. Don't forget time for valentine's quartet work – new song?
  - d. New Song Release
    - i. **Chances Are** – coming along well
    - ii. **Mills Brothers Medley** – started – very complicated but hopeful  
(may move other songs ahead – it can come along bit by bit)
    - iii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Contest Song – **Come Fly With Me** – Start Mid July
    - iv. **SAI Christmas Island** – Ordered - Get in women's hands soon (July)
    - v. **Little Saint Nick** – determine VLQ and let them get at it (July)
    - vi. **Believe** – Mid August
    - vii. **Away In A Manger** – Mid October
    - viii. **Mele Kelimaka** - Mid October
    - ix. **Irish Lullaby** – Late December
    - x. **Harrigan** – Late December
    - xi. **When Irish Eyes Are Smilin'** – January
    - xii. **If You're Irish** - January or earlier if VLQ

## Items To Discuss at next meeting:

- 1.
- 2.