

8/3/2018 Music Team Minutes

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

Nancy Hennefer's house

6:30 – 8:00 and some recreation after (food and swimming)

Items to Discuss:

1. 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. Contacted Brett and Janine on MBHA.

My understanding is that BHS (specifically the FWD) is still in flux on how to actually handle everything and that this contest will probably NOT be the way it operates in the future.

But for now the plan is:

- 1 - Stockton is slated to compete in g FWD Mixed Chorus Category
- 2 - Stockton Chorus is planning to create a FWD Mixed Chorus trophy
that will become the trophy passed to each winning chorus in the future – **Sue heading up**
- 3 - Brett will be looking into champion pins for the winning chorus members
- 4 - Stockton will likely be the only chorus in the category and barring DQ should win
- 5 - We should be prepared to sing on the show of champions in the evening
- 6 - Brett will be looking into seeing if this can also create a result for MBHA
but that might not happen - it might be strictly FWD Mixed Chorus
- 7 - In the future all our personnel will need to be members of BHS and the FWD

b. Chorus preparation committee

i. Songs

Chances Are – Greg Volk

Come Fly With Me – with the *Realtime* intro.

ii. Costume plan (see separate agenda item)

iii. Coaching

1. Visual Coaching - Mike Cating – **Scheduled for August 14th**
2. Vocal Coaching – **Gabe Caretto is Not available – Consider Larry Halverson**

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 – **encourage members to hook up and socialize**

viii. Hospitality suite – **if someone has a suite, we'll create a party, else NOT**

ix. "Friends and Family" night – **9/25 Tuesday night – Joan will develop feedback cards**

2. Song Plan – Rep List

- 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?

Cuddle Up A Little Closer

Solicit other selections (or pieces of songs)

d. New Song Release

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- 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. 2nd Contest Song – **Come Fly With Me** – Start Mid July
- iv. SAI **Christmas Island** – Ordered – Voicing it for all chorus
- v. **Little Saint Nick** – determine VLQ and let them get at it (July)
- vi. **Believe** – **Passing on this for now – work other songs to make them better**
- vii. **Away In A Manger** – Mid October if Bill can get arrangement
- viii. **Mele Kelimaka** - Mid October
- ix. **Irish Lullaby** – Late December
- x. **Harrigan** – **Vetoed by the committee**
- xi. **When Irish Eyes Are Smilin'** – January
- xii. **If You're Irish** - January or earlier if VLQ

3. New costuming – **did first looks – coming along well**

Costume Chair – Joan Ray

Carol Clark, Nancy Hennefer, Chuck Thurman, Stephanie Thurman, Dave Harmon, Sue Atkins

4. Performance Betterment

- a. Develop A Performance plan for each song – **committee volunteers Nancy, John and Chuck**
- b. Develop Internal Visual Team - people to help design the visual plan – **need to assign and start working**
Went over contest set plans – will be working on refining and documenting in August
 - i. Come Fly With Me
 - ii. Chances Are
- c. Visual Coaching - **Mike Cating – August 14th**
- d. Vocal Coaching – Suggestions – **Gabe Carretto** not available before contest, try **Larry Halverson**

5. Quartet performance policy – there is no rush to do this compared to other show and contest items.

Discussion of the policy prompted some thoughts that Nancy volunteered to put into writing. Her writing opened a lot of thoughts about a comprehensive policy – Discussed trying to make the document more encouraging including some standard practices – work on more over the coming months.

6. 2018 Fall Show – Sunday December 2nd – 2PM-4PM

Christmas Theme

Zion Lutheran Church Stockton, CA

- a. Assign Tasks
 - i. Tickets – Carol
 - 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 (**asking Chuck Kenney to arrange**)

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- v. Mele Kelimaka (**Need to Order**)
 - vi. I'll Be Home for Christmas
 - vii. Christmas Island – SAI (**Ordered and being transposed for chorus**)
 - viii. Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town
 - ix. Little Saint Nick (**Maybe better for a VLQ**)
 - x. Believe *from Polar Express* (**Scratched**)
 - 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
 - i. Ordered DooWop White Christmas (Stephanie and Friends)
 - e. Headliner(s)
 - i. Fresco?
 - ii. Men's Group – **DYNAMIX available – working out fees**
7. 2019 Ice Cream Social – Sunday March 17th – 2PM-4PM
Saint Patrick's Irish Theme
Elks Lodge Stockton, CA
- a. Song Selection
 - i. Sweet Rosie O'Grady's My Wild Irish Rose
 - ii. Irish Blessing
 - iii. Irish Lullaby
 - iv. When Irish Eyes Are Smilin'
 - v. Harrigan – vetoed ;-) maybe Auld Lang Syne
 - vi. Oh Danny Boy
 - vii. If You're Irish (maybe quartet)
 - viii. Loch Lomond (maybe quartet)
 - ix. Saints Go Marching In
 - x. Oh Danny Boy
8. Items from the floor
- a. Picnic
 - Invite other chapters (Sac, GVC, vocal, Santa Cruz, Visalia, Placerville, Folsom, Auburn)**
 - Use to show other wo we are**
 - DYNAMIX will be there (probably our Christmas headliner)**
 - b. Performance thoughts – Bow v.s. NOT Bowing after a song
 - NOT Bowing – just proud stance and acknowledge of applause**
 - c. Change practice time from 6:30 to 9:00
 - Ask Membership**

Next meeting:

Friday 8/31 at Chuck's Mom's