

SOUNDS OF HARMONY BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2022

I. President Bill Rathmann called the meeting to order at 6:57 (he's eager to begin!) with the following members present: Rathmann; IPP Mike Dohogne; Chapter Development VP Gerry Bach; Music and Performance VP Paul Schulte; Program VP Don Koch; Secretary Jim Morgan; Treasurer Dave Howe; BMAL Bob Cearnal and Steve Hand. Absent were Marketing and PR VP Chuck Cook and BMAL Tom Cunningham. Rathmann welcomed David Koch as a guest. Rathmann asked for additions to the agenda. None were suggested. Bach moved to accept as presented; Morgan seconded. Motion passed

II. Secretary's Report: Rathmann asked for additions or corrections to the April minutes. Dohogne indicated that his name had been omitted from the attendance list. That was corrected. He then moved to accept as corrected; Howe seconded. Passed

III. Treasurer's Report: Howe distributed his report through 5/16/22. "Very little activity," he said. Income showed \$474.05 from Harmony Foundation contributions; no expenses. Leaving a balance of \$3546.38. Howe said that the financial review has been completed by Dave Fellwock and Doug Nicely and was filed with HQ in April. Schulte moved to receive the report; Howe seconded (of course he did!). Passed

IV. Vice-Presidents' Reports

A. Chapter Development--Bach said there are no NEW members, but he has approached Ralph Schlesinger to return to sing with us after many, many years of absence. Gary Hoeffken is waiting to pass his audition. Doug Nicely will be presented with his new member packet when it is received. No report on "Ready, Set, Sing"

B. Program--Koch thanked Cearnal and others for directing Pole Cat songs. He will have a report on the Barberpole Cat pins at the next board meeting.

C. Marketing and PR--no report in Cook's absence. Show publicity must be a priority soon.

D. Music and Performance/Show Committee--Schulte said the chorus will have a dress rehearsal at 7 PM on June 7 at St. Augustine's site. Risers will be moved from UUMC that morning at 11 a.m. During the dress rehearsal members will get riser positions and confirm all uniforms. Act I attire will be black pants and long-sleeve SoH blue shirts; Act II will be tux pants, shoes, shirt, and colored vest. Members should plan on attending rehearsal at noon on June 25. The Afterglow will remain at St. Augustine's following the Show. Bach agreed to ask the church's Teen Group to fix and distribute popcorn and the Men's Club to man the beer sales. Howe said he will arrange for ticket takers and the cash box. Other chapter volunteers will be asked as needed.

Schulte said that Director Brooks is in favor of entering the district contest in Bloomington in September IF the chorus has sufficient members in attendance and the sound is indicative of our abilities. Regarding Christmas performances, Schulte is in favor of continuing the outings at the Shrine. He also favors a Show in UUMC, possibly with "free will" offerings, as well as one at Parkview Church as a Thank You for the many years as our rehearsal site.

V. Committee Reports

A. Sunshine--Bostick had no report to present

B. Youth in Harmony--Bach indicated that schools are closing soon, so there will be no activities after the "trio" performance at BTHS-West.

C. Show--(reported earlier) Koch inquired if Cearnal has prepared the street banner. Cearnal said he had completely forgotten about that responsibility but promised to get onto it immediately.

D. Fundraising/Parades--Chairman Hand has strung lights and repaired damaged areas. The following dates are on the calendar: July 23 at Lebanon; August 14 in Marissa; and August 20 in O'Fallon. Koch suggested he check with New Athens for another opportunity.

VI. Communications--None were received

VII. Old Business

A. Uniforms--Chairman Cunningham will have them ready for the Show.

B. Gateway Grizzlies--Morgan reported that the 8/20 gig has been canceled and replaced with the O'Fallon parade. Another possible engagement could be scheduled on September 3 for the chorus, quartet, or VLQ. Morgan will prepare a sign-up sheet for that performance.

C. Parkview Church repair--Cunningham submitted no report.

D. Financial Report--Finished

E. Parkview Church Appreciation Award--Cunningham submitted no report

VIII. New Business

A. Koch reported that the inverter for the float "died." He has generously donated its replacement. Koch later reported that Rathmann will have a second one for his Jeep in case it is needed since the old one cannot be repaired.

B. Program Book--Bach said he has laid out this year's book and will keep the same ads as before. He can still add new ads, though, and encouraged members to sell them. Approximately \$4000 in ads have been sold.

IX. Next Board Meeting--Monday, June 20

X. Adjournment--Hand moved to adjourn at 8:08; Howe seconded. Passed

Respectfully submitted by Bob Cearnal, Recording Secretary