

BELLEVILLE CHAPTER E005 BOARD MEETING MINUTES of May 18, 2026

I. President Bill Rathmann called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Union United Methodist Church in Belleville. Attending the meeting were President Bill Rathmann; Chapter Development VP Don Koch (via telephone); Music & Performance VP Paul Schulte; Marketing & PR VP Chuck Cook; Secretary Jim Morgan; Treasurer Tom Cunningham; and Board Members at-Large Steve Hand and Bill Heine; Immediate Past President, Mike Dohogne; Program VP Steve Martin.

II. Additions to agenda: Mike Dohogne added that a member of the ambassadors of Harmony is a candidate in the BHS judging program in the Performance category and wanted to have some time to coach the Sounds of Harmony. This item would have to be worked out with the Music Team and Director Doug Brooks to approve and to find an appropriate date.

A motion was made by (?) and seconded by (?) to approve the agenda.

III. Secretary's Report – Secretary Morgan sent the April minutes to the board by email. Morgan indicated that he did not receive any notifications of any errors/corrections prior to the meeting. Schulte made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Cunningham. Passed.

IV: Treasurer's Report – Tom Cunningham distributed his report for April 2026 to the board. Beginning balance: \$12,372.50. Ending balance April 2026: \$12,738.50.

The chapter had received income of \$486.00 for those members who had contributed to the barbershop Harmony Society Foundation and a \$300 donation from David Koch for the chorus singing at his brother's (Don Koch) memorial service. We had expenditures of directors' fees for April of \$180.00 and May 2026 of \$240.00

President Rathmann reminded Tom of the need to complete the internal audit as soon as possible and submit the report to BHS through the Member Center. Tom agreed to have chapter members Brad Stuffebam and Doug Nicely review the report and sign off on it.

Motion was made by Cook, seconded by Dohogne to receive the treasurer's report.

V. Vice-Presidents' Reports

A. Chapter Development – Bill Heine & Dave Howe (subbing for Don Koch); Bill indicated that there was no report at this time.

B. Program VP – Steve Martin indicated that the program portion at rehearsals would be postponed until after the spring show to allow for more preparation of our spring show repertoire.

C. Marketing & PR VP – Chuck Cook; indicated there may be some advertising expenses to be paid out after the conclusion of our spring show.

D. Music and Performance VP – Paul Schulte: Paul gave the board a final update on preparations for our spring show. He would be sending out via email the full day's schedule to the members in the coming days. Schulte made a motion, seconded by Hand to allocate up to \$500 for lodging expenses for South of Normal to stay overnight following our spring show.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Sunshine – President Rathmann reminded everyone to contact Jim Bostick in the event of any chorus member's illness, or hospitalization.

B. YIH – Rathmann has sent several letters to local high schools in the Clinton County area. He is waiting to hear back from some of them and also follow up on other contacts. If anyone has any other school contacts, please let President Rathmann know.

C. Parades – Steve Hand said we have the June jamboree parade in new Baden on Saturday, June 20 and a parade in Belleville on Saturday, June 27. More details to follow on each parade.

Fundraising — Chuck Cook, and Bill Rathmann; Bill has sent a second round of fundraising letters with an attached spring show flyer to potential show sponsors. He has received so far four sponsor commitments.

D. Uniforms – No report

VII. Communications – None received.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Budget committee – No report at this time. First meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 28 at 6:00 PM at the rehearsal hall (Bill, Tom Chuck & Steve Martin).

B. A brief discussion was had during the marketing and PR report about the chapter looking into purchasing some property insurance to cover the chapter's property (i.e. float, uniforms, etc). The board is still looking at property insurance options.

VIII New Business

A. President Rathmann provided the Board with the bylaws details for filling a vacancy (death of Don Koch) on the chapter Board of Directors. He has had one member willing to step up to be the Chapter Development Vice President (Larry 'not my dad' Dohogne). After a brief discussion, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Larry fill the position until the chapter elections in October 2026 and the new board is installed in January 2027.

IX. Next Meeting Date: Monday, June 15, 7 pm at Union United Methodist Church in Belleville.
Motion to adjourn Steve Hand, seconded by Chuck Cook at 8:01 PM. Passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jim Morgan

Belleville Chapter Secretary