

**FAR WESTERN DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Lodi, California**  
**March 21, 2013**

Meeting called to order at 2:10 pm by President Russ Young.

All board members present.

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| 1. President, Russ Young   | 6. VP, Richard Lund       |
| 2. EVP, Allan Webb         | 7. VP, Bill Rosica        |
| 3. Secretary, Peter Feeney | 8. VP, Craig Hughes       |
| 4. Treasurer, Bob Heron    | 9. VP, John Bloomquist    |
| 5. VP, Chuck Leavitt       | 10. IPP, Bernard Priceman |

President Young opened the meeting with some brief remarks and then introduced Society Board Member John Miller. John discussed the HOD Bulletin at some length. He informed the board that Ringmasters, our current quartet champion, is scheduled to appear on the Today Show (NBC) on April 11, 2013 in recognition of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Society.

President Young called for the approval of the Agenda. It was approved without objection.

President Young asked Secretary Feeney for the reading of the minutes from the Mesa, Arizona meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended and distributed. Motion carried. The minutes were not read but are included in the Spring Brochure.

A motion was made and seconded to receive the reports included in the Spring Brochure. Motion carried.

Craig Hughes distributed a written report which was incorporated in the brochure.

The Treasurer's financial report, received in the Brochure with the other reports, was discussed at some length. Suggestions were made to include more information in the report (B. Priceman) and the Treasurer agreed to do so in future reports.

Awards Chairman Bill Cale proposed that the honoree at the Fall Convention in Bakersfield be Ron Hays from Tucson, Arizona for his exceptional work with youth in harmony. Motion was made, seconded and the Motion carried. President Young, on behalf of the board, extended his congratulations on the record.

Event committee reported on future conventions. During the discussion it was noted that attendance remains an issue of some concern to the District. President Young asked Keith Eckhardt to chair a committee to look at ways to increase attendance. Bill Rosica was asked to serve as well.

Chorus Director Development Chairman Dr. Greg Lyne reported on the event held in Pleasanton, California in February to help develop front line directors. Dr. Lyne spoke about his favorable review of the event and expressed enthusiastic support for future training, including Harmony College West in August.

After some discussion a motion was made and seconded to continue the sponsorship of the Youth Chorus Festival (Long Beach, California in 2014) in the same manner as was done in 2012. Motion carried.

Harmony Foundation video was shown by K.J. McAleesejergins and K.J. introduced Jim Clark, new Director of Development for the Foundation.

President Young then discussed budget considerations. All vouchers for payment of expenses or invoices for goods and services must henceforth be approved in writing by President Young. **DMT's** Travel expenses to District meetings require approval of the EVP.

District goals need to be updated regarding due dates. They need to be returned to Russ by April 30 for re-distribution to the Board and DMT for implementation. Updates and modifications will be discussed at the Summer Board Meeting.

Nick Papageorge and Russ Young discussed Harmony College West in detail. Four gold medal directors will serve as faculty. They are Dr. Greg Lyne, Royce Ferguson, Justin Miller and Mark Hale.

Discussion regarding Westunes was conducted by the board. Improvements in the display of Westunes on the new website are expected.

Motion by Bob Heron, seconded by Richard Lund. Move the board go into executive session to discuss the AFWDC audit and that the EVP preside and that the president be excused. Motion Failed

Motion to go into executive session to discuss the AFWDC Audit. B. Priceman sec. by Bob Heron. Motion carried.

Motion to have the EVP preside at the executive session and that the president be excused. Motion failed.

Motion: Delay action on the AFWDC audit response until the Summer meeting. Motion discussed. Motion withdrawn by Bob Heron.

Motion: To exit executive session. Motion carried

Harmony Marketplace Discussion of the procedures. Russ requested John Jones put the proper procedures in the Convention Manual

YIH/Harmony Foundation Funding, changes in policy at the Society now require an application process for Harmony Camp. Apparently this change is causing some discomfort to camp directors. John Miller will include comments about the Youth Camps funding to Nashville in his report regarding the convention..

The board moved to authorize the DP to spend up to \$750 for a banner to be displayed at the Toronto 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary convention. Motion carried.

The District Secretary was instructed to include in the minutes the names of individuals in addition to board members who are entrusted with handling District funds. The purpose is to have our bonding company include them as covered members. The list:

John Jones  
Ted Sayles  
Bill Kane  
Keith Eckhardt  
Nick Papageorge  
Earl Walker  
Jim Sherman

Motion to ask for records from AFWDC to complete the financial review of their books and records. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:45

Respectfully submitted

Peter Feeney, District Secretary