



**Far Western District
Board of Directors
October 8, 2014
Fresno, California**

Meeting was called to order by President Allan Webb at 2:05 PM

Immediate Past President Russ Young directed "The Old Songs".

Div. 4 VP Richard Lund gave the Invocation.

President Allan Webb welcomed all board members and guests. He acknowledged Dick Powell from the Society Board, and Jim Clark from Harmony Foundation, adding Jim Clark to the Agenda. President Webb then introduced Dick Powell who was sitting in for Don Fuson the Society President who had a conflicting date. Mr. Powell discussed changes which have taken place, and plans for the future. He pointed out that there is now a Professional Leadership team in place. Mr. Powell advised that there is a lot going on, with lots of great things happening.

President Allan Webb in his report to the Board of Directors discussed the "Forum" email system. He expressed that desire that board members use the system for more BOD communications between regular meetings. President Webb also talked about Society level priorities and the Outreach fund information. Mr. Webb also requested that under "New Business" on the agenda the item to modify next year's budget be added.

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Bob Gray who reported to President Webb that all members were in attendance, and that a quorum was present. Board members present: Allan Webb, Russ Young, Gordon Berghold, Bob Gray, Max Bates, Bob Lally, Craig Hughes, Chuck Leavitt, Richard Lund, and John Bloomquist.

President Webb entertained a motion to approve the meeting agenda, with the additional items added. 1. Jim Clark Harmony Foundation: 2. Modify next year's budget based on Nashville Leadership Forum for 2015: 3. 2016 Contest date may conflict with the Sweet Adelines International Convention. Motion to approve the revised agenda. Moved & Seconded. **Motion Approved.**

President Webb entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2014 District Board meeting in Fullerton. Motion by Craig Hughes, Second by Richard Lund. **Motion Carried.**

The Division Vice President Reports were published in the Fall HOD Brochure. There were additional reports by the Division Vice Presidents.

Division 1 Southwest VP Bob Lally reported that Bakersfield is trying to revitalize and become more active. He also reported on the success story of Rincon Beach. They started the year as a 20 man chapter, and they have gained seven or eight new members all under the age of 30. Mr. Lally led discussion about the need to recruit college and community college young men. He also suggested that when a member moves, that a follow up take place in the new town. His recommendation that the Chapter in the new location, actively welcome and invite the person moving to the area.

Division 2 VP Craig Hughes reported that Division 2 is up over 56 members since June. Riverside and Inland Empire are talking about merging. Mr. Hughes also discussed the Leadership Academy.

Division 3 Northwest VP Chuck Leavitt reported several chapters in his Division are up, and some are also down since the last report. Mr. Leavitt also pointed out that the San Francisco Quartet Chapter needs to get legal.

Division 4 Northeast VP Richard Lund discussed Youth Harmony Camp. The Sunday before the Camp, the “King” fire started. There were 101 boys registered for the camp. They refunded all fees to the boys. Ponderosa School saved the event by allowing a one day event. Twenty six boys and 23 volunteers participated. Mr. Lund advised that Redding is thinking of starting a new chapter with the old charter. They have one member on the books, but more people are showing up. This prompted discussion from Russ Young, Dick Powell, and the board regarding the need to keep the Chapters Legal. It was pointed out by Mr. Young that if the Chapters are not legal, the Insurance will not cover those who are not members. This does not pertain to “Guests”. Mr. Powell pointed out that the Society must police itself. Mr. Lund also reported that Elko is trying to form a chapter, and Placerville is enjoying a re-birth with their new Director.

Division 5 Arizona VP John Bloomquist discussed the Arizona Quartet Chapter not doing anything. Mr. Bloomquist also addressed those Chapters who do not meet their Legal Requirements should be penalized, similar to a member that lets their dues lapse.

President Allan Webb called for a ten minute break at 3:50 PM.

President Allan Webb called the meeting back to order at 4:01 PM. Mr. Webb and Mr. Young recognized Ted Sayle with “Thank You” for putting his retirement on hold for two years to serve as Events Chairman. Ted introduced his replacement Mr. Bryan Forbes.

Old Business: Mr. Webb advised that six FWD Board members agreed to become “dual members” of the Whittier Chapter so the Charter could be saved. FWD Board Members agreeing to serve on the Whittier Board are: Allan Webb President; Bob Gray Secretary/Treasurer; Gordon Bergthold Vice President Chapter Development; Nick Papageorge Vice President Music & Performance; Russ Young Board of Directors Member-at-Large; Craig Hughes Board of Directors Member-At-Large.

President Allan Webb discussed the “goals” that were established three years ago. He pointed out that nothing had been done, and requested that the Board review them on the Forum. Mr. Webb also advised the Convention Manual will be updated. Jim Turnmire has agreed to combine the three manuals in one. He will work on this following the Fresno Convention. Nick Papageorge and Craig Hughes discussed Harmony College West and the Leadership Academy on January 23rd to 25th 2015 in Las Vegas.

New Business: Discussion about keeping Chapters legal, and possible dissolution and the new directions that the Society will be heading.

Awards Chairman Bill Cale announced that John Jones is the honoree at the Fall Convention in Fresno. The awards committee recommended that Bill Kane be honored at the Spring Convention. Motion to approve the selection by John Bloomquist, Second by Bob Lally. **Motion Approved.**

President Allan Webb requested that the 2015 Budget be modified by \$4400. This is based on next year’s Leadership Forum which will be a full Forum. Motion by Gordon Bergthold, Second by John Bloomquist that the 2015 Budget be modified to a “Net Zero” budget. **Motion Approved.**
The amended budget will be presented to the HOD for approval in March 2015.

President Allan Webb introduced Jim Clark from Harmony Foundation. Mr. Clark discussed the Foundation, and the changes that are taking place.

2016 District Contest: Mr. Webb advised that a possible conflict existed with the Sweet Adelines International convention. He requested Ron Black to research with Contest and Judging.

District Management Team: Mr. Webb discussed the need for a Membership Chairman, and a Financial Development Chairman. The Financial Development Chairman needs a financial background and would work with Harmony Foundation, Grant Writing, and helping Chapters.

Chuck Leavitt led “Keep the Whole World Singing”

President Allan Webb entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Gordon Bergthold, Second by Richard Lund. **Motion Approved.**

Meeting Adjourned at 5:20 PM

Next Meeting March 19, 2015
Sacramento, CA

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Gray
FWD Secretary