

**Far Western District
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
October 12, 2023
Hampton Inn East Mesa
Gilbert, AZ**

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| 1. Call to order by President at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance | Kenny Rios |
| 2. Singing of "The Old Songs" | Kathy Kileen |
| 3. Invocation | Chuck Roots |
| 4. Roll call and establishment of a quorum by Secretary | Greg Dreyer |

Present: Kenny Rios
 Adam Kaufman
 Greg Dreyer
 Rich Owen
 Bill Rosica
 Kathy Kileen
 Jeremy Loper
 Rich Postal
 Chuck Roots
 Aaron Burleson
 Chris Hebert
 Randy Meyer
 Antwun Puckett
 David Melville

Absent: Charles Caruthers
 Cody Littlefield

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| 5. Opening remarks, welcome guests | Kenny Rios |
| Past Presidents: Chuck Hunter, Craig Hughes | |
| Notable names on Chapter eternal: John Waugh, (Grandfather of YIH Manager Antwun Puckett), Terry Aramian and Peter Feeney (both Past Presidents of FWD), and Jim Kline | |

HFI –	Jim Clark
Remarks from Jim Clark on status of HFI and need to encourage new and revitalized participation in donations. Revealed Lombard Family Challenge to match contributions. Announced new Trustee, Bill Rosica.	
Comments: We have survived the Pandemic. Donating in the name of someone who died from Covid a new possibility.	
There have been some new staff additions at HFI	

6. Accepting the Agenda Kenny Rios
Motion: Adam Kaufman, - 2nd Chris Ebert - carried
7. Approval of Minutes from July 22 and August 12, 2023 Greg Dreyer
Motion: Adam Kaufman, - 2nd Chuck Roots - carried
8. Treasurer's Report by Treasurer Rich Owen
Income Statement, P & L Statement for 2023, and Balance Sheet all sent out
Proposed budget 2024 to be approved at HOD meeting. See full report in HOD Brochure.
Comments: as of today, we have received \$24,000 from registrations through Event Brite with more to come.
Judges expenses to be around \$10,000. Visalia YIH was successful with 82 students
Motion to receive: Adam Kaufman 2nd Jeremy Loper- carried
9. VP Reports:
- a. Division 1 Southwest Kathy Kileen
as submitted in HOD Brochure
 - b. Division 2 Southeast Jeremy Loper
as submitted in HOD Brochure
 - c. Division 3 Northwest Rich Postal
as submitted in HOD Brochure
 - d. Division 4 Northeast Chuck Roots
as submitted in HOD Brochure with additional comments on startup chapter in Clovis- Sierra Gateway
 - e. Division 5 Arizona Aaron Burluson
as submitted in HOD Brochure with additional comments about older members not attending events
 - f. Contest and Judging Randy Meyer
as submitted in HOD Brochure with update - Competing at Spring Convention -8 choruses and 23 quartets plus a Senior Chorus
 - g. Music and Performance Chris Hebert
as submitted in HOD Brochure - Looking at FWD opportunities at the conventions
 - h. Executive VP – Adam Kaufman
as submitted in HOD Brochure - Will add a survey to assess this convention. Webcast- buzz is good.
There will be a delayed viewing. We are taking donations
10. District Management Team
- a. Member Recruitment/Education Manager Cody Littlefield
No report – not in attendance due to recent surgery

b. Chorus Director Development/Directors Guild Kathy Kileen
Name change to remove "Directors Guild". Need directors to be developed internally and need more education.

c. Events/Venues Bill Rosica
Adam Kaufman will be taking over this position.
The change of an "Event Coordinator" caused some issues as there were no hotels in immediate vicinity of contest venue. We had to make adjustments for this convention.

Upcoming conventions:

Spring Convention – March 14-17, 2024 Fremont, CA with NE/NW Divisionals.
Peninsular Chapter will be hosting. Venue: Hotel - Marriott, Contest-Ohlone College

SE/SW Divisionals – May 3-4 Ontario, CA - Venue tbd

Fall Convention – October 17-20, 2024 Bakersfield, CA

Spring Convention 2025 – There is a conflict with the date

Fall Convention 2025 - Fresno - venue tbd

The Pan Pacific Convention may allow us to join with them with a FWD Convention in Hawaii in 2026

d. Marketing and Public Relations David Melville
There have been over 600 registrations for this convention. There were 16 people displaced due to camera locations, but there were reassigned to VIP seating. Recommends staying with Event Brite. Westunes Articles (David Melville)still looking for assistance

e. Youth in Harmony Antwun Puckett
as submitted in HOD Brochure

f. Community Outreach Charles Caruthers
no report – not in attendance due to work schedule

11. Old Business: Kenny Rios

- a. Nomination Committee Report – **2024 Slate of Officers**
President – Kenny Rios
Immediate Past President – Bill Rosica
Executive VP – Adam Kaufman
Secretary – Greg Dreyer
Treasurer – Wally Smulson
Contest/Judging VP – Ben Porter

Music/Performance VP – Chris Ebert
VP Division 1 SW – Kathy Kileen
VP Division 2 SE – Jeremy Loper
VP Division 3 NW – Rich Postal
VP Division 4 NE – Chuck Roots (until replacement is found)
VP Division 5 AZ – Aaron Burleson

- b. 55+ chorus – Rich Postal
Looking for a renowned director for this project to lead chorus @ District Conventions. Need to know how many will be competing in this event. There will be two songs selected. Looking at expenses of music, learning tracks and licensing of which performers will need to pay. Will be preparing for Midwinter in 2025.
- c. Status of merging of email accounts – David Melville
From “Title” accounts to “Name” accounts is in process using Gmail. Transition will occur only as people move in and out of positions.
- d. Update of Chapter of the Year – Adam Kaufman
This will be selected at Spring Convention but will be changed to Fall Convention to be more inclusive
Contributing factors will be community involvement, shows, and membership
- e. Status of FWD Roster Greg Dreyer
Still needs updating. A new version will be resent to all.
- f. Continued discussion of how to raise district revenue Kenny Rios
Encouraging HFI Contributions with monies going back to chapters
12. New Business: Kenny Rios
Next meeting will be at Spring Convention in Fremont, CA on March 14, 2024.

Motion to adjourn David Melville and 2nd by Rich Owen

13. Sing “Keep the Whole World Singing” Jim Clark
14. Adjournment at 8:35 pm Kenny Rios

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Dreyer, Secretary
Far Western District

