



**FAR WESTERN DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Ontario, California  
March 8, 2012**

**Call to order:** President Russ Young at 2:05 pm

Roll Call: Present: Messrs. Young, Priceman, Heron, Webb, Rosica, Feeney, Hughes, Bloomquist, Lund, Leavitt, and invited guest: Alan Lamson, Society President.

Brief remarks by Alan Lamson.

**Motion – approval of agenda: Motion carried.**

**Motion– approval of minutes of previous board meeting (October 2011 in Fresno, CA): Motion carried.**

Treasurer: Bob Heron requested recommendation from the board to form the Finance Review Committee.

**Motion to receive Treasurer’s report included in the HOD Brochure: Motion carried.**

**Motion to receive DVP Reports published in the HOD Brochure: Motion carried.**

**Old Business**

President Young reviewed the Far Western District goal categories, viz. Music, Membership, Money, and confirmed that there would be goal-setting and planning session in Fullerton starting on Thursday June 14, 2012 at 2 pm. A suggestion was made to have the District Management Team (DMT) to join the planning meeting at 2 pm on Friday June 15. The DMT will meet at 7:00 pm Friday evening, and the board will at 8:30 am on Saturday morning. The board will adjourn no later than 5:00 pm and will attend the Go for the Gold show at Plummer auditorium Saturday evening.

Immediate Past President Bernard discussed the success of the Chapter Visitation project.

Nick Papageorge requested Board guidance on the pricing to be used at Harmony College West.

**Motion--to set prices as follows:**

**Harmony College West Registration Fees**

	<u>Full</u>	<u>Early Bird</u>
	<u>Price</u>	<u>(30 days)</u>
<b>Member</b>	<b>\$175.00</b>	<b>\$165.00</b>
<b>Non Member</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$190.00</b>
<b>Commuter Member</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>
<b>Commuter Non Member</b>	<b>\$155.00</b>	<b>\$145.00</b>

**Motion Carried**

Gordon Berghold reported on the progress of the Chapter Assistance Program.

President Young reported that Allen Gordon’s leadership of the Learn to Sing program is well underway.

Awards Chairman Bill Cale reported that an honoree for the Fall Convention has been selected and requires board approval.

**Motion--to dedicate the Fall Convention (2012) in Mesa AZ to Mark Freedkin.**

**Motion Carried.**

Clarke Caldwell gave an update to the board on the Harmony Foundation and introduced a new employee of the Foundation, Development Director K.J. McAleesejergins.

**New Business:**

President Young updated the board on the status of Operation Harold Hill.

Two chapters were discussed in some detail: Redding and Long Beach. Richard Lund reported that the Redding Chapter is healthy, sings well, and is having fun singing. However, they are questioning the value of their Barbershop membership and the cost of their membership dues. Of the twenty or so guys who show up regularly, only about eight are current dues paying members. Richard will be working with the chapter to resolve this issue one way or another.

Bill Rosica indicated that the Long Beach chapter is struggling and has given its equipment away.

President Young indicated that he has asked Jack Peters, Membership Chairman, to form a "Chapters At Risk" Task Force.

Richard Lund informed the board of a new chapter forming in Elko, Nev. A license kit has been sent. Reno is the sponsoring chapter.

Greg Titus, president of the Bay Area Chapter, presented his proposed SOP amendment to alter the procedure for clearing shows. After some discussion President Young appointed Bill Rosica to chair a committee to investigate the issue of show clearances and the requirement that waivers be obtained from chapters with conflicting show dates. His committee report is expected at the Summer board meeting. Greg Titus informed the board he intended to withdraw his motion at the HOD on Friday March 9, 2012.

Morris Schlesinger from the American River Chorus addressed the board and indicated that problems with the venue on the dates required (March 21-24, 2013). At this time the date and location of the convention is not firm. The issue should be settled by June board meeting.

There is an opportunity to show the movie "American Harmony" at the Fall Convention. More information to follow.

President Young has requested input regarding the possibility of including a Barbershopper's Shop from the Harmony Marketplace in the Fall Convention.

A lengthy discussion with Lou Benedict via Skype regarding the Leadership Academy concluded there will be two Academies this fall: one in Mesa, AZ and one in Southern California. The dates will be in November.

President Young introduced the topic of sponsoring youth choruses for the Midwinter in Orlando next January. More discussion is required.

**Meeting Adjourned**

10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Feeney, District Secretary

