Board Meeting Minutes of San Fernando Chapter of SPEBSQSA

DBA: Valley Harmony Singers (VHS)

Virtual Board Meeting held using Zoom software with Board members at home

Wed April 15, 2020, written by Kirk Prather, Secretary (r 3)

**Attendees**: Jack Press, President/ Dave Kirby, Treasurer/ Kirk Prather, Secretary/ Ben Marder, Membership/ Ross Brown, Marketing & PR (absent)/ Tom Raffety, Music VP & Chorus Director/ Jeffery Bunch, Chorus Manager & Asst. Chorus Director/ Bob Karlin, VP Communications /Mark Singer, Program VP / Kathie Edwards, Board Member at Large/ Shelley Herman, Past President/ Rochelle Herman, Board Member at Large/.

**Approve Bd. Mtg. Minutes 3-11-2020** by Kirk Prather. A Board motion passed unanimously to approve Mar 11, 2020 Bd. Mtg. minutes.

**Secretary’s Report** byKirk Prather. Kirk asked the board if they agreed that he should now mail to the individual chorus members their BHS membership renewal cards that Kirk normally would hand out at rehearsals. The Board agreed. Kathie Edwards further suggested to Kirk that for each renewal membership card mailed out, that Kirk should also send a congratulations email to each renewing member and copy all the chapter members in each email. The Board members agreed Kathie’s suggestion was good and Kirk agreed to do so.

**Treasurer’s Report** by Dave Kirby As of 4/15/20 chapter bank account is $ 3,027.00, less estimated payable obligations $ 1,334.00, leaving $ 1,693.00 as available spendable funds.

Dave Kirby and Ben Marder requested and discussed with Steve Streeter, the Treasurer of the St. Marks Episcopal Church about VHS chapter not paying rehearsal rent starting with the month of April 2020, until the current California State Emergency restrictions are lifted that forbid having large in-person meetings. The St. Marks Treasurer agreed the chapter does not need to pay rent to St. Marks, beginning with the month of April until the first full month of these restrictions are lifted and normal rehearsals can resume.

**Membership report**- VP Ben Marder Ben has called all the active members who have not attended our Zoom software virtual chapter rehearsal meetings. Ben reports that now all of our active members have agreed to participate and have been coached on how to use the ZOOM software virtual video meeting participation from their home computers, ipads, and smart phones.

Several past visitors to our rehearsals have told Ben that they are still interested in auditioning and becoming chorus members. But they want to wait until regular chorus rehearsals resume before visiting our regular rehearsals again.

**Music Report**—Tom Raffety We have gradually improved chorus member participation in our virtual video Zoom meeting rehearsals. We have worked on practicing our facial expressions in our self-made videos as we sing a song together to make our facial expressions more convincing in conveying our intended emotional message of the song.

**Chorus Manager- -** Jeffery Bunch

**Program VP**---Mark Singer reported that when our chorus rehearsals resume to normal, he will contact the Santa Clarita Barbershop chorus to discuss setting up our previous planned-but-cancelled visitation meeting again at the Van Nuys rehearsal space. Each chorus will perform and hopefully their chapter quartets will perform for everyone.

**PR and Marketing----**Ross Brown

**Communications VP—**Bob Karlin and helpers have spent a lot of time this last month assisting the successful setup of virtual chapter chorus Zoom rehearsals and setting up a virtual

Monthly Board of Directors meeting plus answering questions and coaching individual members using Zoom software on their home computers, laptops, ipads, & smartphones.

Bob reports that he and his committee are keeping in contact and working on resolving the current poor performing chapter website software problems while exploring various new chapter opportunities to license using existing reliable on-line software packages designed for chorus operations. Also they will recommend our best approach to maintaining our protected exclusive registration use of our Chapter unique Domain names for our chapter web addresses.

Similarly Bob and committee helpers are continuing practicing using the mini-recorders for making recordings and for gaining experience practicing developing helpful feedback to the singer after listening to the singer’s submitted recording.

**Members at Large:** Rochelle Herman, Kathy Edwards:

**Old Business ---BHS requires all chapter board members to take the BHS Youth Training Course ASAP.** Course is available at BHS website. Kirk and maybe Ross Brown (?) are the only Board members who have not yet completed the training.

**--2020 Two Show Dates & Location--1st) “Spring Fling & Ice Cream Social” Show** originally planned for May 9, might be possible to be held in late Summer or early Fall depending on Virus Covid 19 in person large meeting restrictions being lifted.

**2nd) Dec 12, 2020 “Holiday Show”** is currently planned to be held as originally planned**,** assuming Covid-19 Virus restrictions are lifted by then. Both shows would likely be held at One Generation Senior Center, Reseda, CA.

**---Shelley Herman has kindly become our current acting chapter historian** by volunteering to catalog, i.e. add a chapter identification number and description to several collections of past chapter photos and documents. He plans to store these catalogued pictures in our chapter trailer when he finishes.  **Jack Press** has asked for a volunteer to help collect chapter mementos and we need a safe place to store boxes of chapter mementos.

**NEW BUSINESS**-----**PRESIDENT TOPICS**

---**Next Zoom video software virtual Board Meeting**: Wed. May 13, 2020 7pm,

**---Next Zoom virtual Music Team Meeting:**  Thurs. May 7, 2020, 7 pm,

---“**Barbershopper of the Month”:** Jack Pressselected Bob Karlin as “**Barbershopper of the Month of March** for his technical support in establishing our virtual Zoom meetings for VHS rehearsals and Board meetings.

---**Good of the Chapter**

Meeting Adjourned