Attendeesofvirtual Dec. Zoom Bd Mtg.: Jack Press, President//Dave Kirby, Treasurer, also recording Bd Mtg// Kirk Prather. Secretary-absent//Ben Marder, VP Membership Chapter Development//Tom Raffety, VP Music Performance (& Chorus Director)//Jeffery Bunch, Chorus Manager (& Asst. Director) absent after hospital stay //Beth Karlin, VP Marketing & PR //Bob Karlin, VP Communications// Mark Singer, VP Programs//Mark Wolf, Past President//Kathie Edwards, Bd Member at Large// Phil Lockwood, & Ron Malkin, Bd-Members-at Large // Shelly Herman past President as invited observer. (See last page of minutes for list of Board Directors serving 2-year terms: 2020-2022 calendar years.)

Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm Jan 19,2021 by Jack Press, President, Presiding

**Old Business**

**Secretary, Kirk Prather—Approved** Previous Bd Mtg Minutes Dec 19,2021 approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Dave Kirby: Chapter has $2,352.00 in Bank, less ASCAP/BMI outstanding is $1,034, Leaving Spendable cash =$1318.00

**Highlights of Board VP Reports Posted on Chapter website for Bd Mtg Jan 19, 2022: Membership VP**: **Ben Marder:** **Music VP**: Ben reports that Oct 11,2021, our mixed chorus returned to in-person rehearsals wearing singer masks at St. Marks Church auditorium after approximately 18+ months using Zoom software to conduct all virtual chapter meetings including rehearsals. Board members: Mark Wolf, Bob Karlin & Shelley Herman have setup 2 video cameras with sound for rehearsal duration at each in-person church chorus at St. Marks church rehearsal to share with a Chapter Zoom software rehearsal session that has several remote chapter chorus singers Zoom participants(typically at their home computer)---Note These remote location chapter chorus singers are temporarily unable for health reasons to attend the chapter in-person rehearsals at the church. The remote chapter singer Zoom participants can observe two Zoom videos with sound which are set up at each church in-person chorus rehearsals----1st video shows the seated in-person chorus singing at the church and 2nd video shows the chorus director directing a song or talking to the seated in-person chorus….On Dec 20,2021, our chapter held a successful pot-luck Holiday party at our church rehearsal auditorium attended by about 25 members and guests. Director Tom Raffety led the group in singing Holiday songs, and a new chapter quartet, Tempo Tantrum, entertained us………. Jan 9, 2022 our Valley Harmony Singers chapter held our 62nd Annual Officer Installation and Awards Banquet at Lulu’s Restaurant. The chapter previous director, Laura Pallas and husband Tim Singer, (former VHS chapter member & officer) led the installation ceremony. President Jack Press presented awards to our 4 chorus section leaders. Beth Karlin was awarded Barber Shopper of the Year 2021.The Broken Donkey Award was awarded to Ben Marder, Four memorial awards:1) Roger Dixson award to Phil Lockwood, 2)Owen Edwards to Jeffery Bunch, 3) Doug Ward to Mark Wolf. Read the website article about the impressive task contributions that each recipient award winners made in 2021 to be selected for their well- deserved awards.

**Tom Raffety Report, Music Team meeting Jan13, 2022.**

Music Team met Thursday Jan 13,2022. All members attending seemed pleased about how the live in-person chorus rehearsals were going. They felt the chorus was making progress in identifying & fixing chorus singing errors in various voice sections and in bad-sounding chorus measures. Team members mentioned how encouraging it was to hear the improved chorus blend after rehearsal corrections were completed.….the team has also been pleased with the number of volunteer pickup quartets (sometimes with one or two extra singers singing along), singing songs during break time, plus having a volunteer pickup quartet sing a song for the chorus………. The Music Team had a session of soliciting & discussing rehearsal improvement suggestions, and we expect to test implementing some of these rehearsal suggestions soon…… …After reviewing the rapid early January increase in Omnicron Covid infection cases nationally and in L.A. County, the team unanimously agreed to postpone not requiring singing masks at in-person rehearsals until the high Covid infection case numbers decline as forecasted in February or possibly in March……. The Music team also discussed the lack of chapter income in early 2022 chapter while having monthly chapter expenses continue. …..Suggestions for requesting chapter members to sell more paid Valentine Day Quartet Serenade gigs in-person or by phone was discussed and a decision made to recruit a Volunteer Valentine’s Day Coordinator Captain. The decision also was made to test having our chorus sing with volunteer singers and recruit volunteer chapter quartets to sing two short programs on two late Jan Sunday mornings at the Farmers Market in Encino with a donation bucket and have Chapter Valentine quartet serenade sales flyers. …………We have a new membership Candidate for our chapter chorus as a Lead, Alma Johnsons-Hawkins. She had been a Sweet Adelines chorus singer in River Oaks Chorus when Tom Raffetty was the director and Tom is her sponsor in her desire to become a BHS member in our chapter……Music Team discussed likely changes of Covid protocol considering the current rapid infection growth rate of latest Omicrom variation virus. Currently chapter requires chorus rehearsal in-person guests to first show their vaccination documents & perhaps now perhaps should require the booster 3rd shot?? Music Team agreed to have a Board review any Music Team proposed changes to our Covid protocols and ask the Board to vote on all changes prior to implementation of changes. **Jeffery Bunch, Chorus manager—no report,** heishome recovering after recent hospital stay ….**Program VP Mark Singer** described details of a very successful Holiday Party Dec 20…… **Marketing & PR VP: Beth Karlin no report, Communications VP: Bob Karlin, no report,** as the grand parents of a new grandson they have been away visiting a few weeks in Virginia….. **Chapter Past President: Mark Wolf: no report…. Members at Large: no reports**

**New Business: Need new Chapter Valentine Quartet Coordinator Chair Jack Press: announced:** Next Zoom Music Team Meeting is Feb 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm.,..**Next Zoom Board m**eeting is Feb 16,2022 at 7 p.m……Board Meeting adjourned about 9 pm Jan 19, 2022.

The following chapter officer term-serving date table updated for January 2022 Board Minutes.

Board Members 2020 2021 2022

President Jack Press Jack Press Jack Press 1st 2yrs

Past President Shelly Herman Mark Wolf Mark Wolf 1st 2yrs Secretary Kirk Prather Kirk Prather Kirk Prather 2nd Yr

Treasurer Dave Kirby Dave Kirby Dave Kirby 1st 2yrs

VP Communications Bob Karlin Bob Karlin Bob Karlin 1st 2yrs

VP Music Performance Tom Raffety Tom Raffety Tom Raffety 2nd Yr

VP Membership, Chapter Devel’mt Ben Marder Ben Marder Ben Marder 1st 2yrs

VP Programming Mark Singer Mark Singer Mark Singer 2ndYr

VP Marketing Ross Brown Beth Karlin Beth Karlin 2nd Yr

Board Member at Large#1 Kathy Edwards Kathy Ed/Ron Malkin Ron Malkin 1st 2yrs

Board Member at Large#2 Rochelle Herman Phil Lockwood Phil Lockwood 2ndyr

Chorus Mgr is not elected\* Jeffery Bunch\* Jeffery Bunch\* Jeffery Bunch\*