** Membership Report for VHS March 13, 2024 Board Meeting**

February came in like a **Lion.** Despite only meeting twice in February, because of heavy rain, and Presidents Day; We still averaged 19 members present. What a month. In February David Kilpatrick had Cataract Surgery, and Dave Kirby went in for Hip Surgery. Both men are now on the mend. At the end of this month I’m going to have hand surgery, which is long overdue.

 Candidate Marc Silver was out because of bad allergies. Marc conveyed to me last week that he will not be able to continue attending our meetings for the rest of spring until his allergies get back to normal. It is very difficult for him to sing.

Last month both Jesse Corona, and Casey Pennuto finally received their membership packet with their Certificate, Membership Card, and Barber Polecat Songbook from the Barbershop Harmony Society. Their ceremony pictures are posted in the Public Gallery on our website.

At our rehearsal meeting on March 11, 2024 David Kilpatrick conveyed to me that his wife Andrea would like to join our chorus. He stated that she has already attend 3 meetings. I sent her the packet of the 3 Barber Polecat audition songs/ sheet music.

No word from Kirk Prather or Casey Pennuto ?

We also received a new 2024 Repertoire CD with approximately 8 new songs, plus 17 Regular Repertoire songs on it. I would higher suggest to the Board that our members remove all the holiday songs from their music books, and store in a separate folder until Fall. This way they will be room for the new sheet music. Hopefully we can begin to have two section rehearsals per month, and start learning at least one new song per month. This will be up to the Music Team.

**For The Good of the Chorus**

Our section leaders need to take a more aggressive role in helping their people with any learning problems they may have. Encourage them to have a daily study period. Half of our members are retired; They should be able to find time each day to lean their music so Tom and Jeffery do not have spend so much time each week teaching instead of directing.

**Ben Marder, Membership VP, VHS 3-12-24**