

Valley Harmony Singers
Board Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2026

Meeting was called to order @ 7:18PM, PST

Present:

1. Jack Press
2. David Kirby
3. Ben Ziek
4. Mark Wolf
5. Andrea Mtz Gnzl
6. David Kilpatrick
7. Mark Singer
8. Beth Karlin
9. Bob Karlin

Mark Singer and Jack Press commented on a charitable program offered by Ralph's Grocery chain that benefits our chapter.

Membership Report: Mark Wolf mentioned the initiation of our new member a Mr. Micheal Heatherton, AKA Tuba. Mark also suggested placing a sign at the entrance of St. Mark's parking facility for two reasons: to attract people interested in singing and to help navigate the entrance to the chapter's meeting venue. Lengthy discussion proceeded on the if, and, what of signage.

Music Report: David Kilpatrick inquired about W2's for possible performance at an Assisted Living Residence. He stated that we, the chorus, "need to be seen." He also mentioned that the Barberpole Cat sessions would be continuing. He confessed to occasionally forgetting lyrics, suggesting going over repertory on a weekly basis.

Mark Singer pointed out that there are two types of performances, free and paid. Discussion proceeded regarding compensation for chapter performances with Mark Wolf reminding the board that we should "not sell us short"; assisted living residences have budgets for entertainment. Mark Singer added that we should periodically perform for free. David Kilpatrick spoke of a "flash mob" that resulted in a paid performance for the Santa Clarita Chapter.

Director's Report: Sean Chasworth mentioned being "concerned with performance quality". Also spoke of being concerned on time spent with contest vs. show. Stated that the two rehearsals before the show were critical. He also reminded the board that the November show is something to start thinking about.

Bob Karlin and others asked Ben Ziek to communicate with Jeff Bunch regarding chorus management.

Programs: Mark Singer had nothing to report.

Communications: Bob Karlin spoke extensively about discount ticketing. Informed the board that the VHS website was now able to provide a process for online ticketing in collaboration with PayPal.

Beth Karlin provided more information regarding our (VHS) presence on social media. She spoke to Sarah Katz who presented a three route/program for achieving our social media goals: 1. Social Media Training Session, 2. Website Audit and/or Creation, and 3. Show Flyer Graphic Design. The aforementioned involves various fees. Via her curriculum vitae, she appears to be well qualified to assist us in meeting our social media goals.

Beth Karlin made a motion to contracting Ms. Katz for her services, Mark Singer seconded the motion, the motion was carried unanimously.

New Business: Sean Chasworth has been officially designated as the Director of the VHS. A new quartet has been registered BHS. The quartet "Teachers Pet" will perform in our Spring show. Mark Nudelman and Mark Singer will also perform, as well as Tuba, AKA Micheal Hearhton.

Bob Karlin noted that each performing quartet would be singing three numbers.

Bob Karlin also said that Apple Pie with whipped cream would be served.

Sean Chasworth inquired as to what type of coaching does the chorus need?

The meeting was adjourned @ 9:03PM, PST.