

Cherry Hill, New Jersey Chapter

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THE PINE BARONS BARBERSHOP CHORUS

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Meeting Minutes September 19, 2019

St. Andrews Ume Church

327 Marlton Pike West

Cherry Hill, NJ

Attendees:

Pres, Bruce Barker, present

Treasurer, Mike Thornton, known absence

Sec'y, Rich Jones, known absence

VP Business & Events, Chris Bush, present

VP Marketing, Andrew Clare, absent

VP Music, Mike Weaver, present, late arrival

VP Program, Steve Ritz, present, late arrival

VP Membership, Jim Scollay, late arrival

Marketing & Public Relations, George Neff, present & Ann Neff, present

Members at Large:

Rossetti, present

Randy Deger, known absence

Chuck Edgerton, absent

John Celani, absent

Additional Members in Attendance

Rich Wolff

Gary Williams

Special Guests,

Ron Cappuccio – Audit Committee - Financial Review presentation

Jeff Knightly – Uniform Committee - Official Policy presentation

Music Director, Rich Gray, Jr., not required, present via SKYPE

Called To Order: 7:ish pm, NO QUORUM

It was agreed to deputize additional members to obtain a quorum.

Rich Wolff, Gary Williams and Jeff Knightly were so designated

Sang - “The Old Songs” & “Down Our Way”

Ann Neff was asked to take notes and agreed to do so.

Financial Review Report”

Ron Cappuccio requested and was permitted to present first:

After reviewing the Pine Barons’ accounts, Ron recommended a series of changes listed in his “Financial Review Committee Recommendations”.

The accounts are in good order, and Mike Thornton was commended

However, Ron recommended that the chorus hire an external bookkeeper to facilitate a move to new software, and to keep the books.

Several other recommendations concerned a voucher system, W-9’s, check signatories, and debit cards.

Ron asked that a MOTION be made to engage a professional bookkeeper.

President Barker stated that since Mike Thornton, Treasurer was absent, the matter be TABLED until he has been consulted. All agreed.

SECRETARY’S REPORT (in absentia, attached to agenda)

Richard Jones expressed concerns about the “Meet-Up” app, which he has been funding. In discussion, the group decided that results from the program were minimal or confused. Rocco Rossetti moved to cancel “Meetup”, Gary Williams seconded. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Jones reported on the “Constant Contact” software, which Rich has used to manage our e-mail list. He has also been funding this himself, but feels that an extension to Groupanizer would provide the same functionality, including for the list John Celani now uses. Jim Dodd will be asked to determine the cost to add the “Community” software to our Groupanizer. Bruce Barker also announced that Jim Dodd needs volunteers to assist him with digital efforts.

A new chairperson is desired for Singing Valentines. Rich also mentioned the software he was investigating– <https://ordersingingvalentines.com>, and tried out this past February. Questions were raised on the cost of the software, and how much was raised by Singing Valentines last year. Any decisions were TABLED until a new chair has volunteered, and could demonstrate that they could handle the software, if used.

TREASURER’S REPORT Mike Thornton (absent) had assured Bruce Barker prior to the meeting that the Treasury was in good shape.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Uniform Policy

Jeff Knightly, Uniform Chairperson* reported on Inventory and the status of certain members whose uniforms had not yet been reclaimed; if they are no longer active. Information was provided to him. Jeff reports that current uniform inventory is adequate for the moment. He also presented a Pine Barons Uniform Policy to the Board for approval. This basically outlines the components of the named uniforms, their replacement cost, and member responsibilities. There are also instructions for new members on acquiring the Class A tuxedo parts. The policy is to be reviewed with members, signed by them and then held accountable. Jim Scollay MOVED TO ACCEPT, G. Neff seconded. MOTION PASSED.

Donation to Cherry Hill West

Jim Scollay mentioned he would like the Pine Barons to make a donation to Cherry Hill West Music Boosters, which would allow us an ad in each program they produce at the school. He sees this as a potential membership recruiting tool.

OLD BUSINESS

Operating Manual

Rich Gray, “attending” the meeting via a computer link, then commented on the Cherry Hill Operating Manual which was to be addressed by the Board.

In short, Mr. Gray felt that the committee had overstepped the original charge, and “got ahead of themselves”. His goal is to maintain the integrity of the Monday night, Pine Barons Chorus male experience. He felt the Manual could be boiled down to one page. Women, after they were auditioned, could be admitted to attend social events and possible sing in a mixed or women’s chorus, if said chorus asked to be affiliated with the Chapter and was approved by the board. Then an Operations Manual could be considered.

(Detailed comments by Mr. Gray can be found in communications to the committee by Bruce Barker, and Ann Neff.)

Intramural Quartet Competition - No discussion.

Spring Show –

Mr. Gray stated that the 2020 Spring Show date had been set for March 28., with two shows, and has the go-ahead from Camden County College. A question was raised about having two shows, Bruce Barker mentioned that the additional revenue was needed to cover the fixed expenses of the show.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting

President Barker mentioned that he would be away for two weeks. It was agreed that the Chapter Annual Meeting – to elect officers and ratify the new September 9, 2019 BHS By-Laws, would take place on Monday night, October 21, 2019.

Board Meeting

For the same absence, President Barker requested that the October Chapter Board meeting be held on October 24, the fourth Thursday of the month. Agreed.

White Carnations

Jim Scollay suggested that the chorus wear white carnations with their Class A uniforms at the District Contest. Enough would be ordered for the rest of the team (spouses), too. Rich Wolff MOVED, Gary Williams SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

New Ticket Chairman after Holiday Show

Item was TABLED to another meeting. HOWEVER -

In an e-mail to the President, (included in the agenda package) John Celani (absent) requested that ticket prices be the same for the 2019 Holiday Show, and that "Group Discounts Available" be put on the posters and other ad materials. Jim Scollay moved to accept, Chris Bush seconded, MOTION PASSED.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Rich Wolff expressed the desire to see each member of the chorus on a committee.

Members need to be asked, "or perhaps we should assign people."

Meeting was then adjourned.

Group sang "Keep the Whole World Singing".

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Neff, Chapter Member

Substitute Secretary – September 2019

Cherry Hill Chapter Board Meeting