

## Re: Nov. board meeting

To Steven Ritz <threepointonefour@verizon.net> • Bruce Barker <bbarker21@gmail.com> • board <board@pinebarons.org>

I have attended very few board meetings that would be considered efficient. Too much work is done at the board meetings. Work that should be done prior to the meeting. Endless debate, members speaking out of turn, redundant comments, negativity that prevents any progress or worse a volunteer feeling unappreciated.

Maybe we need to develop proposal/agenda items using a SMART format..  
SPECIFIC MEASUREABLE ASSIGNABLE (ATTAINABLE) REALISTIC and TIMELY

**Proposals should be posted a week before the meeting.**

Collaborate during the week to remove objections and build support for any item that needs to be presented to the board.

Do not give the board more than two choices for anything.

Jim Scollay

On November 24, 2019 at 5:22 PM Steven Ritz <threepointonefour@verizon.net> wrote:

I am sorry I could not attend related to other conflicts.

I would like to share 2 thoughts/comments:

1. I am concerned that while this meeting had 6 people at most – it still took 2 1/2 hours. Perhaps the absence of a quorum reduced the efficiency of the meeting, and prolonged all discussions - maybe I have no right to express this since I was not present - but such a lengthy meeting is perhaps a strong disincentive to attendance.

2. **2020 show** – as the *de facto* script writer for the past 3 years, I can comment that there was a meeting with the music team in October that proposed using the 2020 election as a backdrop. I expressed then, and still have strong reservations about this approach.

Recall that we did an election based theme in 2016 (recall the old school vs new school a cappella), but I think it is a bit different doing this with the current climate of impeachment, etc, than when we tapped this idea in 2016 and there was no incumbent, discussion of impeachment, etc - so I am trying to formulate some other idea/concepts.

Thus far, I only have the idea of **Pine Barons: 20/20 Vision** as a title . . . but not clear as yet what this will entail . . .

Steven

**From:** [Bruce Barker](#)

**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 4:43 PM

**To:** [board](#)

**Subject:** Nov. board meeting

### Notes on the Nov. 21 Board Meeting

Refer to the draft agenda that was emailed Nov. 21.

**No quorum was obtained.** Present were Bruce Barker, Mike Thornton, Rocco Rossetti, Chris Bush, Jay Dorfman as guest, and after 8:00 pm Jim Scollay. Chapter issues were discussed from 7:00 until 9:30 pm.

**Added to agenda and discussed:**

The need to update business cards. This was simply mentioned.

Rent increase: St. Andrews has charged \$725 / quarter for more than a decade. They would now like to raise the rent to probably \$800 / quarter. Chuck Edgerton is conducting the negotiations in consultation with the chapter president. He is seeking a multi-year freeze - ideally a five-year freeze - at the higher level.

Jay offered to produce a graphic tutorial on downloading music to iPhones and Android phones.

Jay said he is available to do program book layouts.

Someone pointed out that a title (or concept) for the 2020 spring show is needed so the show can be advertised in the Holiday show booklet.

A \$300 check from the Woodland Ave. Presbyterian Church bounced. Chris Bush will call them.

Jim Scollay asked if he could send a customer an invoice. Mike said he would do this as it's the treasurer's role.

Preferred date for the 2020 planning meeting: Early January was the consensus.

Bruce proposed finding a new chapter historian.

Bruce said he would contact Eric Herr and Bud Miller to set up officer initiation.

Bruce will research the cost, if any, of multi-user access to the desktop or online version of QuickBooks. The motivation is that there should be an assistant or backup treasurer, and/or a bookkeeper.

**Discussion of agenda items:**

A draft 2020 budget exists but will be presented to the board only after word from the county on the grant, which is expected within a couple of weeks. Expect the budget at the December meeting. Officers should submit budget requests to the Treasurer.

Preferred date for the December board meeting: Two board members have conflicts Dec. 19. Tuesday, Dec. 17, is the proposed date. Bruce is seeking feedback from more board members on this.

Jim is canceling the Dec. 16 intrachapter quartet competition due to lack of expressed interest.

Mike sent a draft show contract with Mainstage to Tal Kramer for legal review prior to sending it to Mainstage.

Mike volunteered to continue as the 2019 Holiday Show ad coordinator/collector and as the negotiator for the 2020 director's contract.

Rocco and others called for the director's contract to provide a financial incentive to promote the director's attendance at the most important singouts. Jay offered to draft some language regarding this.

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"It's Great to Be a Pine Baron!"  
Bruce Barker, president

