



Far Western District
Board of Directors & Management Team Minutes
October 19, 2017
Bakersfield, Ca.

President Gordon Bergthold called the 2017 Fall Board Meeting to order at 2:00PM.

Immediate Past President Allan Webb led the group in singing “*The Old Songs*”

Division 4 VP Richard Lund did the Invocation.

Secretary Bob Gray did the roll call. In attendance: Gordon Bergthold, Craig Hughes, Allan Webb, Bob Gray, Rich Owen, Brent Anderson, Nick Papageorge, Bill Rosica, Richard Lund, John Bloomquist, Ron Black, and Craig Ewing. District Management Team members in attendance were: Royce Ferguson, Bill Rosica, Bryan Forbes, and David Melville.

President Gordon Bergthold requested a motion to approve the meeting agenda.

Motion and Second to approve the BOD Meeting Agenda. **Motion Approved**

President Gordon Bergthold requested a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2017 Board of Directors meeting in Fullerton, CA.

Motion and Second to approve the June 17, 2017 BOD meeting minutes. **Motion Approved.**

President Gordon Bergthold recognized the Past Presidents in attendance: Bernard Priceman, Russ Young, Sam Barger, Bob Lally, and Chuck Hunter. Also introduced were Marty Monson CEO/Executive Directory of Barbershop Harmony Society, and Perry White from Harmony Foundation. Three of the nominees for the 2018 Board of Directors were introduced, Jim Maass, Adam Kaufman, and Dick Whitten.

President Gordon Bergthold advised that the Division Vice President reports were in the HOD Brochure. Each VP then discussed updates to Chapter activities in their Division.

Executive Vice-President Craig Hughes Opened the discussion about funding the District Outreach Programs. Following discussion a Committee was established for further review. Committee members are Allan Webb, Rich Owen, Richard Lund, and Craig Hughes.

Executive Vice-President Craig Hughes advised the Mark Freedkin would be a consultant for Youth in Harmony, and that there is a need for a Membership Chairman for 2018 since Bill Rosica is moving to Executive Vice President.

Director Development Chairman Royce Ferguson discussed working with individual directors and reaching out to more directors.

Events Chairman Bryan Forbes thanked Bill Rosica and his team for the great job with the Bakersfield Fall Convention. He discussed upcoming events, declining attendance at Contests, and Chapters that qualify for Contests, and then pull out and don't attend. A Committee was appointed to study the problems and recommend pricing solutions. Committee Members are: Bryan Forbes, Bill Rosica, David Melville, Ron Black, Nick Papageorge, and Rich Owen. Bryan pointed out that all dates are on the FWD Calendar through 2022.

Communications & Marketing David Melville discussed mailing systems, and Westunes. Looking at rates for advertising in Westunes.

President Gordon Bergthold Called for a break at 3:35 PM

President Gordon Bergthold reconvened the meeting at 4:03PM.

Executive Director/CEO Marty Monson spoke to the group saying this was his fourth District Convention recently, and also touched on the new "Member Services Center".

Harmony Foundation President Dr. Perry White spoke about "Members Choice" checks would be distributed to Chapters at the HOD meeting.

President Gordon Bergthold: Thanked members for attendance and improved communication. He urged everyone to continue with "Communication" under the 2018 Leadership of Craig Hughes. Many topics discussed including ideas for show ticket sales, Videos of Contestants ready after contest, and Raffle at Convention for Harmony Foundation.

Division 2 VP Nick Papageorge led the group singing "Keep the Whole World Singing"

President Gordon Bergthold adjourned the meeting at 4:52PM.

The next FWD Board of Directors Meeting will be March 15, 2018. Location to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Gray
FWD Secretary