

Special Board Meeting
July 10, 2021
Via Zoom®

President Rosica called the meeting to order at 12:17 PM (PDT)

Present were:

Kathy Kileen

Bill Rosica

Rich Owen

Brett Littlefield

Adam Kaufman

Craig Hughes

David Melville (in Spain)

First on the agenda was a request from Ron Whisenant-President of the Fresno chapter to request a grant for \$241.92 to allow their new Director to attend three virtual classes at Harmony University. Included in the request was \$68.92 for Mr. Whisenant to take a Leadership Class as well. It was Moved and Seconded, and a discussion took place. It was decided that since the District had yet to set up Grant Guidelines and the Fresno Chapter did not give the Board enough information, that the motion failed. Rich Owen was to contact the Fresno President to see if we could get enough information to grant their Director a Scholarship from the Director's Development Fund. Kathy Kileen commented that she thought that this decision flies in the face of the District helping out struggling chapters. Rich Owen pointed out that our position is to give support not money to chapters, but still have scholarships available for chapters to use.

It was Moved and Seconded that the District make it mandatory that all people attending the Fall convention must show proof of vaccination. A discussion was had and many opinions on how to be inclusive, and still be safe. Most members were in favor of the idea but felt it would keep people home if they were not vaccinated or hadn't tested negative prior to the event. It was also mentioned that some of our own event's staff would not be available if vaccinations were mandatory. This by itself may leave us no option but to cancel the event.

After much discussion, the motion was amended to read that, **"The District would adopt the same protocol for gathering of large groups for indoor events as specified by the CDC and the State of Arizona at the time of our event"**. These protocols may include recommending facemasks and social distancing when not singing.

The motion was passed.

Lastly, was the idea of hiring Events Farm to take over the job of registration for the Fall Event at a cost of \$5,000. This would include all necessary material to conduct registration plus the streaming of the event for people wanting to watch from home. It was moved and seconded that **"the Board approve the additional expenditure of \$5000 and hire Events Farm for**

registration purposes". Discussion followed with how to pay for this additional expense. Mr. Rosica pointed out that at \$35.00 per registration that 143 additional registrations would be needed to offset the cost. It seemed that most were not too concerned about the offset because not having David Melville's cost would bring the actual amount down as well. David Melville also pointed out that we could have wristbands that would designate those who were vaccinated, tested negative or unvaccinated. (In looking at the venue's website, Higley Performing Arts Center mentioned that it was very possible that the theater would be operating to full capacity by August.)

"Since the Board had not been presented with any formal specifications as to what Event Farm serviced entailed, there was no information to support the expenditure; the motion was defeated. President Rosica indicated that he would contact the vendor and get more detailed information as to what was involved with their services and what was included in the stated price."

Mr. Rosica pointed out that quite a few Chapters would be hesitant to attend unless all attending were vaccinated, and proof was shown. Mr. Littlefield felt that there would be enough quartets that would be competing that the convention would be a success.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM PDT

The minutes were prepared by President Bill Rosica in the absence of Secretary Jim Maass.