

**Far Western District
Board of Directors
Meeting Via Zoom
Minutes**

August 27, 2022

1. Call to Order Bill Rosica

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Rosica at 5:05 PM

2. Roll Call Jim Maass

Secretary Jim Maass took the roll. The following board members were present. Bill Rosica, Rich Owen, Jim Maass, Kathy Kileen, Rich Postal, Chuck Roots, Adam Kaufman, Randy Meyer, Kenny Rios and Craig Hughes. The following board members were absent. Cody Littlefield and Rob Menaker.

The following Management Team members were present. David Melville, Jeremy Loper and Scott Suwabe.

The following guests were present. Greg Dreyer and Skip Farrar.

3. Opening Remarks and Introduction of guests Bill Rosica

President Bill thanked everyone for stepping up to the plate and is pleased with what the district has been doing. He brought up board jackets and patches for new board members.

4. Accepting the Agenda Bill Rosica

The Fremont-Hayward charter was added to the agenda under New Business. It was moved, seconded that the amended agenda be approved. All by aye. Motion passed

5. Approval of Minutes Jim Maass

- a. May 13, 2022, Board Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All by aye. Motion passed.

6. Treasurers Report Rich Owen

Rich gave a brief update on financials for the district through Aug. 22nd. District made \$55K this year and the balance of cash on hand is \$173,843. Because of Covid there hasn't been much spending, so the district is in good shape. However Rich cautioned that it can change once things return to normal.

- 7. Barbershop Harmony Society Representative: Katie McDonald was not in attendance but will be at the District Convention in Fresno in October.
- 8. Special Business.

2023 Far Western District Draft Budget

Rich Owen

Rich shared ZOOM screen shots of the proposed budget and discussed several of the line items. He went through the income section in detail and indicated the budget is in the “red” because of the difficulty in projecting next year’s income. There was discussion on the income portion of the budget and additions and correction were proposed and incorporated. Rich also went through the expense items. There was discussion and input.

It was moved and seconded to accept the budget as amended. Motion passed, all aye vote.

- 9. Old Business

- a. Nominating Committee Report

Craig Hughes

Craig thanked Jim Maass and Rob Menaker for their service to the district, both of whom are leaving the board at the end of December. He presented the slate of officers. The AZ DVP position is not yet filled. He is waiting for the candidate to let him know if he will accept the nomination. The Board by all aye vote moved to accept the nomination slate as presented. The one vacant positron will be filled in for the October Board meeting and then presented to the HOD for their approval.

Board Position	2023
President	Kenny Rios
Executive Vice President	Adam Kaufman
Immediate Past President	Bill Rosica
Secretary	Greg Dreyer
Treasurer	Rich Owen
VP Div.1 SW	Kathy Kileen
VP Div. 2 SE	Cody Littlefield
VP Div.3 NW	Rich Postal
VP Div. 4 NE	Chuck Roots
VP Div. 5 AZ	TBD
VP Contest and Judging	Randy Meyer
VP Music & Performance	Chris Hebert

- b. Convention Venues

Bill Rosica

Bill gave a report on the Fresno venue for October, and everything looks good. He also reported that Bakersfield for next years is on track as well. He is also working on the Spring convention in SoCal for next year. Possibility of being in Burbank. 2023 Fall maybe in AZ or back to Bakersfield. That is TBD.

10. New Business

a. Barbershop Cruise

Bill Rosica

Bill suggested that the FWD look at a “barbershop cruise” in the near future. Not a contest but just a cruise with singing and entertainment sponsored by the FWD. This item to be put over for further consideration.

b. Expense Reports

Bill Rosica

Rich Owen reminded everyone about submitting expense reports in a timely manner. There are two types of expenses. Travel and “other” and to be sure to use the form for submitting reports.

c. Show Clearance Update

Jim Maass

Jim reported that as of July 1, 2022, there is a new BMI show clearance form and that the cost for a show clearance is now \$50 per performance. All the information is on the FWD website under the events tab, show clearance.

d. Fremont-Hayward Charter

Jeremy Loper

Jeremy reported that there is a new mixed chorus in the Orange County area which started right before Covid and are now back together again and interested in chartering. It was moved and seconded to approve the facilitation of transferring the charter to the new prospective Mixed Chorus. Rich Owen will assist. Motion passed.

11. Vice-Presidents Reports (Additional information is in the HOD Brochure posted online)

a. Division 1 Southwest

Kathy Kileen

Kathy updated her written report. The Santa Maria chapter will participate in Fresno in October. The Aloha chorus is going to the Pan Pacific convention next year. She also reported that the Aloha chapter continues to be interested in hosting a fall contest.

b. Division 2 Southeast

Cody Littlefield

Cody was not in attendance at the meeting.

c. Division 3 Northwest

Rich Postal

Rich has visited five chapter. Most have dropped in membership and attendance, and all are experiencing issues which his addicting making suggestions which might help them.

d. Division 4 Northeast

Chuck Roots

Chuck indicated that the larger chapters are coming back but the small ones are

struggling. The Fresno chapter is very close to dissolving.

- e. Division 5 Arizona Adam Kaufman
Adam mentioned that August “Bash” in Phoenix was a huge success, and everyone had a great time. Also, the Phoenix chapter is coming back and growing again. Exciting times.
- f. Contest and Judging Randy Meyer
Randy indicated the there will be at least 9 choruses in Fresno. Any additional ones, he needs to know ASAP. He reported that there are currently 18 quartets entered and he expect that number will rise to near 30...the cut off limit so he can maintain a triple judging panel. This is an expense issue.
- g. Music and Performance Rob Menaker
Rob was not in attendance.

12. District Management Team

Kenny Rios, EVP

- a. Membership Jeremy Loper
Jeremy reported that FWD membership had increased by 64 from last year.
- b. Chorus Director Development Scott Suwabe
Scott continues to assist directors as need and is working on director workshops and the director’s Guild.
- c. Events Bill Rosica
Bill reported that part one of the convention manual is in edit review and he is working on part two. He is also looking for someone to take the position of Events chair. Any takers?
- d. Marketing and Public Relations David Melville
David is looking to set up online shopping for FWD Merchandise. He also discussed the issue with VIP seating and that members who do not qualify and selecting those seats. Registration is progressing and he will be using wrist bands and not name tags as admission tickets.
- e. Youth in Harmony Kenny Rios
Kenny had nothing to report.
- f. Financial Development Roe Darnell
No report
- g. Charles Carothers Community Outreach
No report

13. Adjourn. President Bill adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Maass
Secretary, Far Western District