

Far Western District
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
March 14, 2024
Fremont Marriott Silicon Valley
Fremont, CA

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| 1. Call to order by President at 7:08 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance | Kenny Rios |
| 2. Singing of "The Old Songs" | Cody Littlefield |
| 3. Invocation | Chuck Roots |
| 4. Roll call and establishment of a quorum by Secretary | Greg Dreyer |

Present: Kenny Rios
 Adam Kaufman
 Greg Dreyer
 Rich Owen
 Bill Rosica
 Kathy Kileen
 Rich Postal
 Chuck Roots
 Aaron Burluson
 Chris Hebert
 Randy Meyer
 Antwun Puckett
 David Melville
 Cody Littlefield

Absent: Jeremy Loper

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| 5. Opening remarks, welcome guests
Past Presidents: Chuck Hunter, Bill Rosica
HCI Jim Clark hoping to get here for HOD meeting. | Kenny Rios |
| 6. Accepting the Agenda
Addition of information from Rich Owen on Travel reimbursement | Kenny Rios |
| 7. Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2023
Motion: Adam Kaufman, - 2nd Ben Porter - carried | Greg Dreyer |
| 8. Treasurer's Report by Treasurer
Travel Expenses update (see email) fillable online. Please send receipts!
Financial Status/Update with P/L – There was a loss in 2023 of 50K on paper.
Rich will work with Wally Smulson in the near future to bring him up to speed. | Rich Owen |

Comments from BOD: Bill Rosica suggested to solicit display ads for the convention program to help with convention expenses. It was also suggested to have hosting chapters find local sponsors.

Motion to receive: Adam Kaufman, - 2nd Ben Porter - carried

9. VP Reports:

- a. Division 1 Southwest Kathy Kileen
as submitted in HOD Brochure
- b. Division 2 Southeast (absent) Jeremy Loper
as submitted in HOD Brochure
- c. Division 3 Northwest Rich Postal
as submitted in HOD Brochure
- d. Division 4 Northeast Chuck Roots
as submitted in HOD Brochure
- e. Division 5 Arizona Aaron Burleson
as submitted in HOD Brochure
- f. Contest and Judging Ben Porter
as submitted in HOD Brochure with update - Competing at Spring Convention -10 choruses and 20 quartets. Looking forward to Hawaii in 2026 for Fall Convention coinciding with the Pan Pacific Convention. Possibility of using Spring Convention to qualify for International for those not attending in Hawaii. (action item)
- g. Music and Performance Chris Hebert
as submitted in HOD Brochure –
- h. Executive VP – Adam Kaufman
as submitted in HOD Brochure -

10. District Management Team Adam Kaufman

- a. Member Recruitment/Education Manager Cody Littlefield
as submitted in HOD Brochure
Membership Portal is “challenging”
- b. Chorus Director Development Laura Pallas Singer
Introduction of newest member of Team. Laura has vast experience and brings excitement to this position. She received a great deal of support from the BOD.
- c. Events/Venues Adam Kaufman
At current time, this convention is 82% sold out. Very successful! Not just a contest, but lots of

opportunities for attendees. Looking to continue this mode in Bakerfield, Fall Convention 2024. Harmony College West is now open for registrations. Barbershop is Fun!!!

Upcoming conventions:

SE/SW Divisionals – May 11, 2024 Ontario, CA – Venue - Colony HS

Fall Convention – October 17-20, 2024 Bakersfield, CA

Spring Convention 2025 – There is a conflict with the date.

Fall Convention 2025 - Fresno - venue tbd

Fall Convention 2026 - Hawaii

d. Marketing and Public Relations

David Melville

341 registrations for this convention. Registration for Bakersfield is being setup.

e. Youth in Harmony

Antwun Puckett

as submitted in HOD Brochure

11. Old Business:

Kenny Rios

a. 55+ chorus –

Rich Postal

Looking for a renowned director for this project to lead chorus @ District Conventions. Need to know how many will be competing in this event. There will be two songs selected. Looking at expenses of music, learning tracks and licensing of which performers will need to pay. **Action Item.**

b. Update of Chapter of the Year –

Adam Kaufman

This will be selected at the Fall Convention to be more inclusive. DVP's will solicit applications. Contributing factors will be community involvement, shows, membership, and # of guests, etc.

12. New Business:

Kenny Rios

a. Visalia Chapter/Mighty Oaks Chorus requesting \$5000. For Youth Program. Antwun Puckett

9/14/24 - Goal is to increase the number of students to plant seed for future members. Vocal Spectrum to assist. Visalia is also looking into grant resources.

Motion made by Ben Porter and 2nd by Chuck Roots to offer \$1500.00 for this program. Carried

b. Greater Phoenix Chapter is requesting \$500.00 for Youth Program

Antwun Puckett

Looking for a Phoenixians “reboot” by joining with ASU singers as base group led by Jordan Rikita (BHS). \$500.00 is to fund student members for 1 year. This will be an agenda item at the June Budget Meeting.

Motion made by Chuck Roots and 2nd by Chris Hebert. Carried.

Kenny will also be looking into endowment money from HFI.

c. Next meeting will be at Summer ZOOM Meeting on June 22, 2024 at 11 am

Motion to adjourn David Melville and 2nd by Rich Owen

13. Sing "Keep the Whole World Singing"

Laura Pallas Singer

14. Adjournment at 8:45 pm

Kenny Rios

Respectfully submitted:

Greg Dreyer
FWD Secretary