

Far Western District

House of Delegates Meeting

October 14, 2022
Time of Meeting 11:00 AM
DoubleTree Hotel
Sequoia Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Rosica at 11:13 AM

2. Singing *The Old Songs* was led by Cody Littlefield

3. The Star Spangled Banner was led by Joe Cerutti, BHS Representative

4. Roll Call

Jim Maass

The following Board members were present: Bill Rosica, Kenny Rios, Jim Maass, Rich Owen, Craig Hughes, Kathleen Kileen, Cody Littlefield, Rich Postal, Chuck Roots, Adam Kaufman and Randy Meyer. The Music Performance position is vacant.

The following Management Team members were present: Bill Rosica, Kenny Rios, Steve Suwabe, David Melville.

The following Past District Presidents were present: Craig Hughes, John Krizek, Chuck Hunter, and Sam Barger.

Guests present: Incoming Secretary: Greg Dreyer and Incoming Division 5 VP: Aaron Burleson, Harmony Foundation Jim Clark and Donny Rose, and BHS Representative Joe Cerutti.

The following roll call of the chapter representatives present:

Aloha	La Jolla	San Diego
Bakersfield	Las Vegas	Santa Rosa
California Delta	Maricopa County	South Bay
Central Arizona	Marin	South Orange County
Central California	Orange Quartet	Stockton
Fremont-Hayward	Placerville	Sun Cities
Greater Los Angeles	Reno	Visalia
Greater Phoenix	Rincon Beach	Westminster

Hearing no objections, the Secretary reported a quorum present.

5. Opening Remarks

Bill Rosica

President Bill welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave some general remarks. He thanked all the board members and management team for all their hard work this past

year during COVID.

He then took time to mention each board member and management team member with personal recognition and a thank you.

6. Introduction of Guests

Bill Rosica

Bill introduced the several guests and past presidents in the room as well as BHS and HFI representatives

7. Special Guests

Joe Cerutti, BHS Representative, was recognized and gave some brief comments. He has been on BHS staff for 10 years and this is his first trip to the FWD and is having a nice time. He gave a brief membership update listing the numbers of men's chapter, mixed chapters, and female chapters. Society membership is now 13, 406 which is an increase over the year before.

He also reported that paid registrations for International in Charlotte exceeded SLC 2019. \$400,000 income for 2022 was reported. The biggest complaint remains the member center and he mentioned a new way to reach BHS using an online tool which gives the caller the ability to set up a date specific for the Society rep to return the call.

Midwinter will be in 2023 Feb Daytona Beach FL. He also mentioned bringing back the collegiate quartet program. Details to follow.

Comments from Harmony Foundation Reps

Jim Clark/Donny Rose

Time to sing a song...Jim Clark led group in *Down Our Way*.

Jim introduced Donny Rose, Regional HFI director, who is new to the organization. Donny use to work for the Society and the past several years has been the Dean for Harmony University. He is widely known throughout the Society. Donny mentioned the donations back program to the chapters and gave a breakdown of what the FWD and district chapter have received this past year. Total back to the district and chapters exceeded \$27,000.

HFI is now doing direct grants to chapters, \$64,000 total so far this year. The AIC outreach fund is working with HFI in putting on various youth singing events. He also mentioned the Youth incarceration program bring barbershop to those incarcerated. They are working with the Ohio state correctional system. The program is being looked at in several other states. HFI helps with the funding.

8. Additions to the Agenda

Bill Rosica

The agenda was accepted as presented

9. Approval of Minutes

Bill Rosica

It was moved and seconded to approve the HOD May 13, 2022, minutes as presented. All aye vote. Motion passed.

10. Reading of Chapter Eternal Names

Jim Maass

District Champions Vocalocity performed *Irish Blessing* as Secretary Jim Maass read the roll call of those FWD members who passed away during the previous year.

First Name	Last Name	Chapter
Harry	Kaylor	Hemet, CA
Ellis	Strange	Frank Thorne
Shelley	Herman	San Fernando Valley, CA
Karl	Diller	Aloha, HI
Timothy	Hasselman	South Bay, CA
Karl	Diller	Aloha, HI
Edward	Simons	Frank Thorne
Dennis	Strub	California Delta
David	Hanush	San Luis Obispo, CA
Bernard	Carlson	Placerville, CA
Charles	Fredrickson	Santa Maria, CA
Donald	Duperon	South Bay, CA
Allan	Webb	La Jolla, CA
Allan	Webb	Greater Los Angeles
George	Gerbi	Tucson, AZ
Eugene	Hall	Santa Monica, CA
Ralph	Brandt	Aloha, HI
Don	Wilson	Stockton, CA
Tim	Martin	California Delta
Tim	Martin	Nevada-Placer, CA
Berry	Bownds	Prescott, AZ
Robert	Henderson	Prescott, AZ
Jay	Uhler	Prescott, AZ
Robert	Steele	Prescott, AZ
Richard	Johnson	Eureka, CA
John	Smurda	FrankThorne
Terence	Oshaughnessy	Santa Monica, CA
Richard	Greenberg	Santa Monica, CA
John	Smurda	Santa Monica, CA
Donald	Ribeiro	Frank Thorne - D

Herman	Williams	Prescott, AZ
John	Vincent	Sun Cities, AZ
Robert	Pearson	Prescott, AZ
John	Vincent	Prescott, AZ
Kenneth	Preston	Reno, NV
Kenneth	Preston	California Delta
Terry	Diedrich	Frank Thorne - D
John	Eilers	Stockton, CA
John	Eilers	California Delta
David	Blasco	Prescott, AZ
Paul	Schmidt	San Diego, CA
Paul	Schmidt	El Cajon, CA
Gregory	Lyne	Bay Area, CA
Collin	McKinney	Mesa, AZ
Collin	McKinney	Greater Phoenix, AZ
Phil	Harris	Davis-Vacaville, CA
Douglas	Yarrow	Visalia, CA
Douglas	Yarrow	Fresno, CA
Vernon	Hesterman	Sun Cities, AZ
Roy	Gross	Greater Phoenix, AZ
Vernon	Hesterman	Greater Phoenix, AZ
William	Haddock	Greater Phoenix, AZ
Robert	Read	Monterey Peninsula, CA
Eugene	Allen	Yuma, AZ
Dwain	Chambers	Far Western District Test Quartet
Phillip	Smith	Greater Phoenix, AZ
Keith	Hedeen	Coachella Valley, CA
Keith	Hedeen	Hemet, CA
Keith	Hedeen	Aloha, HI
Donald	Kidder	Davis-Vacaville, CA
Rudy	Xavier	San Luis Obispo, CA
Rudy	Xavier	Santa Maria, CA
Alan	Veliquette	Davis-Vacaville, CA
Gary	Somerville	Mesa, AZ

11. Treasurer's Report

Rich Owen

Financial Update

Treasurer Rich Owen gave an update on the financial status of the district. He said that COVID affected the expenditures since there were no conventions, but dues and other income still occurred. So

the bank account increased and the district is in good shape with the cash reserves at this time exceeding \$170,000. He cautioned, however that we still must be diligent in budgeting so we can maintain good fiscal stability.

Presentation of 2023 Budget

Rich presented the 2023 budget and went over the income and expenditures. He mentioned that the income side of the budget is difficult to project. It is hard to guess attendance especially since COVID but he is encouraged about attendance this weekend in Fresno. The budget is a guideline and adjustments are made as the year progresses. There was some discussion of the proposed budget.

12. Special Business: Approval of the 2023 Budget Rich Owen

The Board of Directors at their meeting the previous day accepted the budget and is recommending the HOD approve the Budget.

It was moved and seconded to approve the 2023 budget as presented. All by aye. Budget for 2023 is adopted. (The Budget is attached to these minutes.)

13. Old Business

a. Nominating Committee—Presentation of Slate Craig Hughes

Craig presented the slate and thanked outgoing officers Jim Maass and Rob Menaker for their service.

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	Aaron Burleson
VP Contest and Judging	Randy Meyer
VP Music & Performance	Chris Hebert

Kenny Rios presented an award to outgoing President Bill in recognition for his service as the FWD president for the past three years.

b. Election of new Officers

Since there were no contested positions, it was moved and seconded to approve the slate as presented by acclamation. All aye. Motion passed.

14. Installation of new Officers

Joe Cerutti

Joe Cerutti installed the new officers for 2023.

15. New Business

There was no new business to report.

16. Vice Presidents Reports

a. Division 1 Southwest

Kathy Kileen

She updated her HOD report mentioning that the Santa Maria chorus will be competing in Fresno as well as the SW division All-star Chorus will be performing.

b. Division 2 Southeast

Cody Littlefield

He reported that his division has five chapters here participating and gave some encouraging words that barbershop is back.

c. Division 3 Northwest

Rich Postal

Rich mentioned he has visited six chapters...one marginal attendance, others are doing ok.

d. Division 4 Northeast

Chuck Roots

Chuck said that it's on to the future post COVID and we're all looking to building back the choruses. He also gave a pep talk on getting involved in BBS singing. And encouraged guys to get InTouch with the FWD leadership. Let the leadership be of assistance to the chapters.

e. Division 5 Arizona

Adam Kaufman

AZ is happy to introduce SW Vocal Alliance, a new chapter for the division. Thanked everyone for their support as DVP as he is moving up to the EVP for next year.

f. Contest and Judging

Randy Meyer

Randy was busy at the auditorium getting ready for the chorus contest and was not in attendance at the HOD meeting

g. Music and Performance

Position Vacant

17. District Management Team

Kenny Rios

a. Membership

Jeremy Loper

Current membership was up and then down a bit...but things appear to be looking positive.

b. Chorus Directors Development

Scott Suwabe

Continuing to work on director workshops and director training. More information to follow. Any questions, please contact him. Any chapters who are looking for directors, please let him know.

c. Events

i. Convention Manual

Bill Rosica/David Melville

Bill is still looking for a replacement events coordinator.

He reported that he has finished the Spring Convention manual and is now working on the Fall Convention manual and will have all of it put together in one book.

ii. Hawaii bid for Fall 2023 Convention

Bill Rosica

There are a number of issues including specific dates that need to be addressed. The FWD will continue to look to have HI host a FWD convention. More information is needed.

d. Marketing and Public Relations

David Melville

FWD merchandise is no available online. Online FWD store is made to order stuff which brings down costs. Prices are set to encourage buying as the profit on the products is marginal. David suggested having a Logo contest to get ideas for upcoming convention logos.

e. Youth in Harmony

Kenny Rios

He reported the YIH is alive and doing well. Thanks to HFI for their support for recent youth events and with the help of BHS, AIC and HFI support, the youth festivals were very successful.

f. Financial Development

Roe Darnell

Roe was not present so there was no report

g. Endowment Funds

Roe Darnell

No Report

h. Donor's Choice Update

Roe Darnell

Roe was not in attendance, but Donny Rose did give an update in his remarks earlier to the HOD.

i. Directors Guild

Scott Suwabe

No Report

18. Secretary Jim Maass directed the group in *Keep the Whole World Singing*

19. The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Maass
Secretary
Far Western District

	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
500.00 - DUES-Members	
500.10 Dues Allocations-Events	\$0.00
500.00 - DUES-Members - Other	\$40,000.00
Total 500.00 - DUES-Members	\$40,000.00
501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV	
501.06 Photos	\$0.00
501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV - Other	\$10,000.00
Total 501.00 - SRING PRELIMS REV	\$10,000.00
502.00 - FALL CONVENTION REV	\$20,000.00
503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV	
503.10 - AZ	\$5,000.00
503.30 - SO CAL WEST	\$9,500.00
Total 503.00 - DIVISIONAL CONV	\$14,500.00
504.00 - WESTUNES	
504.01 - ADS	\$500.00
Total 504.00 - WESTUNES	\$500.00
505-Educational Events	
505.01 AZ Leadership Summit	\$0.00
505.02 NorCal Leadership Summit	\$0.00
505.03 SoCal Leadership Summit	\$0.00
Total 505-Educational Events	\$0.00
506.00 - OTHER	
506.05 Contest Photos	\$0.00
506.06 Miscellaneous Revenue	\$300.00
Total 506.00 - OTHER	\$300.00
510 - Donations	
510.01 - Donations Awards	\$550.00
510.03 - Donations NorCal Camp	\$6,000.00
510.04 - Donors Choice HF	\$20,000.00
Total 510 - Donations	\$26,550.00
520.00 - Fees	
520.01 - NorCal Youth Camp	\$9,000.00
520.04 - Leadership Academy	
520.041 - Fees Ldr Acad - AZ	\$0.00
520.043 - Fees Ldr Acad - NorCa	\$0.00
Total 520.04 - Leadership Academy	\$0.00
Total 520.00 - Fees	\$9,000.00
Total Income	\$120,850.00
Expense	
506.04 - Transfers Closed Chapt	\$0.00
601.00 - HCW/LA Expense	
709.10 - Leadership Academy	
709.11 - LA - AZ	\$0.00

709.12 - LA - SoCal Exp	\$0.00
Total 709.10 - Leadership Academy	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total 601.00 - HCW/LA Expense	\$0.00
601.10 - DS15 - District Spring	
Judges-Meals	\$800.00
Judges-Misc	\$350.00
Judges Travel	\$7,000.00
601.10 - DS15 - District Spring - Other	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total 601.10 - DS15 - District Spring	\$18,150.00
601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp	
Judges-Meals	\$400.00
Judges-Misc	\$250.00
Judges Travel	\$3,500.00
601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp - Other	<u>\$7,500.00</u>
Total 601.20 - AZ15 - AZ Div Exp	\$11,650.00
601.30 - SC15 - SoCal Div Exp	
601.30.01Judges-Travel	\$5,000.00
601.30.02 Judges-Meals	\$1,000.00
601.30.03 Judges-Misc.	\$100.00
601.30 - SC15 - SoCal Div Exp - Other	<u>\$12,500.00</u>
Total 601.30 - SC15 - SoCal Div Exp	\$18,600.00
602.00 - Fall Convention Exp	
602.01 - DF15 - District Fall	
602.01.01Judges-Travel	\$10,000.00
602.01.02Judges-Meals	\$1,500.00
602.01.03Judges-Misc	\$600.00
602.01 - DF15 - District Fall - Other	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
Total 602.01 - DF15 - District Fall	\$32,100.00
602.23 Supplies	<u>\$300.00</u>
Total 602.00 - Fall Convention Exp	\$32,400.00
604.00 - BD MEETING	
604.01 - TRAVEL	\$3,500.00
604.02 - MEALS	\$1,000.00
604.03 - LODGING	\$5,000.00
604.04 - BD Meeting - Supplies	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total 604.00 - BD MEETING	\$9,600.00
607.08 - C&J	
607.085 - C&J CATAGORY SCHOOL	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total 607.08 - C&J	\$10,000.00
607.09 - YMIH	
607.095 - AWARDS	\$0.00
607.096 - NoCal Youth Camp	\$16,000.00
607.097 Youth Festival Grants	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total 607.09 - YMIH	\$19,500.00
607.10 - EVENTS	
607.101 - SUPPLIES	<u>\$300.00</u>

Total 607.10 - EVENTS	\$300.00
607.12 - MKTG & PR	
607.122 - POSTAGE	\$34.20
607.123 - PROMO MATERIALS	\$250.00
607.124 - WEB EXPENSES	\$5,000.00
607.125 - Ads purchased/placed	\$0.00
708.00 - WESTUNES	\$1,000.00
Total 607.12 - MKTG & PR	\$6,284.20
609.00 - MISC EXP	\$122.75
609.01 - Dues Collection Fees	\$2,630.25
609.02 - Merchant Acct Fees	\$1,735.88
610.00 - INTERN. QT TRAVEL	\$2,500.00
611.00 - INTERN CH TRAVEL	\$8,500.00
622.00 - GOV'T FEES	\$200.00
700.00 - PRESIDENT	
600.00 - AWARDS	\$1,150.00
607.13 - HISTORIAN	\$500.00
607.17 - President Exp Other	\$500.00
700.03 - TRAVEL	\$1,250.00
700.05 - Pres Mid-Winter Exp	\$1,250.00
Total 700.00 - PRESIDENT	\$4,650.00
703.00 - EVP	
703.03 - TRVL & MEALS	\$1,250.00
703.04 - EVP Supplies	\$100.00
703.07 - EVP LODGING	\$1,250.00
703.08 - EVP Business Expenses	\$250.00
Total 703.00 - EVP	\$2,850.00
704.00 - DVP	
704.10 - DVP AZ	
704.13-TRAVEL	\$250.00
Total 704.10 - DVP AZ	\$250.00
704.20 - DVP - SO CAL East	
704.23-TRAVEL	
Total 704.20 - DVP SO CAL EAST	\$250.00
404.30 - DVP SO CAL WEST	
404.33 - TRAVEL	
Total 704.30 - DVP SO CSL WEST	\$250.00
404.40 - DVP NOR CAL WEST	
404.43 - TRAVEL	
Total 704.40 - DVP NOR CAL WEST	\$250.00
404.50 - DVP NOR CAL EAST	
404.53 - TRAVEL	
Total 704.40 - DVP NOR CAL WEST	\$250.00
Total 704.00 - DVP	\$1,250.00
705.00 - SECRETARY	
603.00 - INSURANCE	\$200.00

Total 705.00 - SECRETARY	\$200.00
706.00 - TREASURER	
706.02 - POSTAGE	\$100.00
706.03 - SUPPLIES	\$100.00
706.04-Subscriptions	\$200.00
706.05-Training	\$0.00
706.06-Travel	\$250.00
Total 706.00 - TREASURER	\$650.00
Total Expense	\$151,765.08
Net Ordinary Income	\$30,915.08
Net Income	\$30,915.08