

**Far Western District  
House of Delegates Meeting  
Spring Convention  
Minutes  
March 15, 2024  
Fremont, CA**

1. Call to Order at 2:20 pm and Pledge of Allegiance Kenny Rios
  
2. **Sing** “The Old Songs” Kathy Kileen
  
3. Invocation Chuck Roots
  
4. Roll Call to establish quorum Greg Dreyer  
Chapters present:  
Bakersfield, Barbary Coast (2), California Delta (2), Central California, Central AZ QT, Fremont, Greater Los Angeles, Greater Phoenix, Lake Forest, Las Vegas, Mesa, Palo Alto-MT View, Placerville (Gold Rush), Redwood Chordsmen, Santa Monica, South Orange Co., Stockton, Sun Cities, AZ, Visalia, Walnut Creek, Westminster, San Mateo, Co. (online), Orange QT, (online), Salt River (online), Temecula, (online),  
  
Chapters absent:  
Apple Valley, Arcata, Brea, Coachella Valley, Conejo Valley, Crescenta Valley, Davis-Vacaville, El Cajon, Eureka, Folsom, Fullerton, Hemet, Inland Empire, La Jolla, LA South Towns, Maricopa Co., Marin, Mesa, Monterey, Napa, NV-Placer, Palomar Pacific, Pasadena, Prescott, Reno, Rincon Beach, Sacramento, Saddle Brooke, San Diego, San Fernando Valley, San Francisco Bay Cities, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clarita, Santa Cruz, Santa Maria, Santa Rosa, Sedona, South Bay, Sounds of Aloha, St. George, UT, Tucson Sunshine, White Mountains, Yuma.  
  
Quorum was present
  
5. Opening Remarks Kenny Rios
  
6. Accepting of Agenda Kenny Rios  
**– Motion San Mateo and seconded by– California Delta - carried**
  
7. Introduction of Guests – Jim Clark from Harmony Foundation ZOOM, Past Presidents, Chuck Hunter and Bill Rosica
  
8. Comments from Jim Clark of HFI  
Grants are available. The incarceration program has been successful. The Annual Giving Programs are still available. The Lumbard Family has presented a \$150,000.00 match challenge.
  
9. Secretary’s Report – Greg Dreyer
  - a. Approval of Minutes from Fall Convention October 2023.
  - b. Announcement of increase in BMI Clearance fees to \$60.00  
**-Motion from Stockton and seconded by Westminster – carried**

10. Treasurer’s Report Rich Owen
- a. Financial Update
  - b. Questions regarding 2024 Budget from HOD – None  
**Motion to receive report made by Lake Forest and 2<sup>nd</sup> by California Delta - carried**
11. Vice Presidents Reports **(Reports are in HOD Brochure)**
- a. Division 1 SW - stands as written Kathy Kileen
  - b. Division 2 SE - stands as written Jeremy Roper
  - c. Division 3 NW - stands as written Rich Postal
  - d. Division 4 NE - stands as written Chuck Roots  
Chuck also brought up the need for a replacement for himself.
  - e. Division 5 AZ - stands as written Aaron Burleson
  - f. Contest and Judging - stands as written Ben Porter
  - g. Music and Performance - stands as written Chris Hebert
  - h. Executive Vice President - stands as written Adam Kaufman
12. District Management Team **(Reports are in HOD Brochure)** Adam Kaufman
- Member Retention & Education Manager - stands as written Cody Littlefield
- Chorus Directors Development - introduction of newest member of the team Laura Pallas Singer
- Events/Venues - Adam Kaufman
- a. Spring Convention Update  
Leadership Training will be on Friday.  
Fremont is 82% sold out and considered successful. It’s not just a contest – there are lots of opportunities. Fall Convention in Bakersfield will be continuing with this mode of thinking/planning.  
Harmony College West is now open for registration and has a tremendous staff. Barbershop is Fun!!!
  - b. 2024-26 dates are set:  
  
May 11, 2024 – SE and SW Divisionals Ontario, CA (Colony HS)  
October 17-20, 2024 – Fall Convention Bakersfield  
Date/location tbd – Spring Convention 2025 – Southern California  
Date tbd - Fall Convention Fresno October 2025  
Date tbd – Fall Convention Hawaii October 2026
    - Possibly use Spring Convention to qualify for those not traveling to Hawaii.**Harmony College West August 23-25, 2024 – Sparks, NV**
- Marketing and Public Relations David Melville  
341 registrations for Spring Convention. Fall Convention planning is in process.
- Youth in Harmony - stands as written Antwun Puckett  
See “new business”.

13. Old Business

- a. 55+ Chorus Competition still looking for a director Rich Postal
- b. Chapter of the Year award re-instated and Divisional VP's are Adam Kaufman  
soliciting nominees. Nominations should be sent to  
President Kenny Rios.  
Criteria: Attendance, Guests, new members, Shows,  
Charitable events, etc. This award will be presented at the Fall Convention

14. New Business

Kenny Rios

- a. Visalia Chapter is requesting \$5000.00 for a Youth Harmony Festival 9/14/24.  
**Motion made by Ben Porter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Roots at BOD Meeting 3/14/24 to approve \$1500.00 for this event – carried**
- b. Greater Phoenix Chapter is requesting \$500.00 to fund membership for 1 year to ASU students who are joining the Phoenicians in a reboot campaign.  
**Motion made by Chuck Roots and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Hebert at BOD Meeting 3/14/24 to approve \$500.00 for this event – carried**
- c. Next meeting: October 18, 2024 at Fall Convention in Bakersfield, CA

15. Sing "Keep the Whole World Singing"

Laura Pallas Singer

16. Adjourn at 3:20 pm

Kenny Rios

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Dreyer

Far Western District Secretary

