

PRESENT:	2008/2009 <u>Present</u>	<i>*Absent</i>
Chapter President:	Doug Jones / Doug Jones	
Past President:	Denny Bley / Denny Bley	
Executive VP:	none / Phil Merkel	
Music & Performance:	Tom Norin / Tom Norin	
VP Chapter Development:	Phil Merkel / (Position Split as VP Membership /VP M&PR)	
(new)VP Membership	none/Ron Obermeyer	
(new)VP Marketing and Public Relations:	none/ Dan Patton	
Corresponding Secretary:	Randy Moller / Bill McDonald	
Treasurer:	Bert Johnson /	<i>*Roger Arnold</i>
Board Member At-Large:	Frank Fedarko / Frank Fedarko	
Board Member At-Large:	Ivan Halfond /	<i>*Ray LaTurno</i>
Board Member At-Large:	Lowell Holloway / Lowell Holloway	
Board Member At-Large:	Bill McDonald /	<i>*Brian Johnson</i>
Recording Secretary:	Maury Crallé / Fred Geldon	
FARBSmeister	Tom Norin / Mike Stoll	

(* = *Absent*)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM.
2. The draft November minutes for 11/10/08 were approved with the following corrections:
 - (a) #5.a should be \$15,000 vice \$2,900;
 - (b) #6 should read "..Tom Norin distributed.." vice "...Tom Norin passed out...";
 - (c) #6.a should read "..able to support.." vice "...able to get behind..";
 - (d) #6.g should read "Frank" vice "Fred"; and
 - (e) #8.b. should add at the end " but \$20 & \$25 will remain for the evening show."
3. Frank Fedarko was selected as the November BSOM.
4. Corresponding Secretary Randy Moller said there was nothing to report.
5. Treasurers Report: Bert Johnson said we are in good shape with about \$10,300 in the bank. This is about the same as last year.
6. Music and Performance Chairman Tom Norin said there was nothing new concerning Harmony College East. Our day of coaching will be on Saturday. Sally Galloway has agreed to review the Wildwood tapes with an eye to simplify movements. Retreat is still planned for the end of February. The music committee plans to record the chorus singing one song per month but will not be able to kick this off in January.

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7. Chapter Development: Phil Merkel said that when we have a guest, it needs to be a rewarding night for him. We need to make the guest book more easy or friendly to use for a novice.
8. 2009 Show Chairman's Report - Lowell Holloway reported that we do not have a ladies quartet yet. They are trying to get Max Factor and it was agreed we would pay their price (+/- \$2,500). For the men, the 20-man Sound Works chorus will be used.
9. 2009 Budget Review: Dennis Bley presented a basic 2009 Budget recommendation projecting about \$18.3K income. Phil Merkel projected expense items for the Jan-Jun time frame of about \$8K (includes about \$1K for the Spring Convention). This budget will be passed to the 2009 BoD for their use. Bert Johnson will check on the exact definition of "purple" money and how we account for it at year-end.
10. Near Future Events Status:
- a. Christmas planning was all on track.
 - b. The Installation Banquet was on track and a contract was expected within the next week.
 - c. A retreat date has not yet been set. The President will address this issue.
 - d. The Singing Valentine program needs to get cranked up. Culpepper wants to participate with us. Quartets need to be formed. We need to get the names of deployed servicemen/women. A small calling card needs to be developed. Lots to do here in a short time.
 - e. The Irish Song Fest is coming up right after the Singing Valentines
 - e. Phil Merkel is running JA hosting the March Pre-lims on Saturday.
12. Old Business: Dennis Bley pointed out it is very important to maintain a continued presence in Fairfax City so we link into the Center for the Arts. This is important as we anticipate budget pressure may affect our grant requests. Lowell Holloway agreed and pointed out we also need to stay in contact with our advertisers throughout the year. And we need to have PayPal OK and ready to pay for ads.
13. New Business: Ron Obermeyer was given the OK to proceed to develop options for an indoor winter uniform. Generally it will be long-sleeve shirt over black on the bottom.
14. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Submitted by the Recording Secretary: Maury Crallé.

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