

CSD Spring 2022 Board of Directors Meeting

Hyatt Regency, Wichita, KS

Friday, March 18, 2022, 8:30 a.m.



Where the Harmony Began



President Duane Lawson opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. with a reminder of the BHS Mission and Vision: “To Bring People Together in Harmony and Fellowship to Enrich Lives Through Singing”, and “Everyone In Harmony”, followed by “The Old Songs”. Robert’s Rules of Order for Small Boards will be used for the Board of Directors meeting. **A quorum was announced at 8:31 a.m.**



Recognition of Past Presidents: Don Fuson, Harvey Kiser, and Mark Erikson via Zoom. **Society VIPs:** John Donehower, Society President; Dusty Schleier, Society Director of Events & Conventions and Society Representative; Don Fuson, Past Society President; and Perry White, Harmony Foundation International President and CEO.

Introductions. In Attendance, **Board Members:** Duane Lawson, District President; Matt Suellentrop, District Executive Vice President; Larry Warrick, District Treasurer; Mark Fuerniss, District Secretary; Chad Schuetz, District Immediate Past President; Kevin Barker, District Kansas State Vice President; Jake Bartlett, District Nebraska State Vice President; Jeff Arians, District Iowa State Vice President; Michael Bass, District Missouri-Arkansas State Vice President; **Guests,** Carter Combs, District Contest and Judging V.P.; Jeff Veteto, District Music and Performance V.P.; Michael Pommier, District Marketing and P.R. V.P. District South Dakota State Vice President Dave Stephenson attending via Zoom.



“Wait ‘til the Sun Shines Nelly” led by Jeff Veteto

Treasurer’s Report, Larry Warrick. The Treasurer’s report and 2022 Budget were sent out to everybody and has been posted on the District’s web site, <https://www.singcsd.com>.



- There is no **Fall Convention Report** as the fall convention was cancelled.
- **Annual vs Budget.** The fall convention in 2021 was cancelled. Total Income of \$21,082.72. Expenses of \$15,026.88. Net Income of \$27,883.61. Even though we didn’t have a fall convention we still had money coming in and we’re doing very well. There is \$5,500 in the budget for Travel – Chorus & Quartet subsidy, (line 8321). Do not have a separate line for youth quartets attending the Next Generation competition.
- **Balance Sheet,** as of December 31, 2021, we had Total Assets and Liabilities and Equity of \$116,750.22. This is where we were eleven years ago.
- **Donation Fund Report:** A new report. \$11,506.68 from Harmony Foundation, and \$2,680.25 from BHS Development; Total donations from these two organizations of \$14,186.93. These are unrestricted donations which go into the operating funds.

Motion was made to receive the Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed unanimously.



“Hello Mary Lou” led by Jeff Veteto

Convention Report, Doug Brott, CSD Events, V.P., We have around 200 registrants. Expect this to go up slightly. We have a couple small high school ensembles to sing this evening. Students received complimentary registrations, but parents must purchase at least a single session registration. Expenses to use the convention center is much less than if we used the Orpheum Theater. Chorus competition was canceled but there are two choruses here to receive coaching. Overall, it will be a good weekend with great quartets. The next three fall conventions are booked for Lawrence, KS; spring 2023 and 2025 conventions are booked for Iowa City.

Minutes of Fall 2021 meetings and Consent Calendar Mark Fuerniss, Secretary. Minutes and Consent Calendar have been posted on the District web site. There were no corrections, additions/deletions to the minutes nor to the Consent Calendar. Lawson asked for a motion to approve the minutes and Consent Calendar. Chad Schuetz moved to approve the minutes and Consent Calendar, Seconded by Suellentrop. Motion passed unanimously.

Program Administration Team Report highlights, Matt Suellentrop, Executive V.P.

- **HEP and LA** (Harmony Education Program and Leadership Academy) have been virtual the last two years and we'd like to get them back live, possibly separating these two events to different dates to better serve their purpose. Leadership Academy in November to training new and returning chapter leaders, HEP in spring to help quartets get ready for spring contest.
- **Marketing**, how to better utilize our social media and web site to better connect with our members. Michael Pommier, CSD Marketing and P.R. V.P., will update us on the Serenade.
- **Contest and Judging** appears all judging categories will be covered.
- **Membership Development**, Don Fuson said we have a lot of chapters we cannot find on Member Center. According to March 15, 2022 Member Center data, 91 first year members have memberships expiring in 2022; 22 first year membership expired in 2021, 73 first year memberships expired in 2020. Lawson added that CSD has 1,117 members and 58 chapters.

Harmony University will now be in New Orleans. Steve Scott, BHS Director of Harmony University & Education Services, asked if the district would provide Harmony U scholarships for 5 directors and 3 leaderships at \$825-850/person. Lawson suggested perhaps each state vice president could identify one or two directors and we could split the cost. There's no way we could do eight scholarships. How do we select a director, how many do we select? Possibly work with Jeff Veteto to screen applicants for recommendations and work with Larry Warrick on the budget committee. Lawson would like to have an application developed in the next couple weeks with a decision by mid-May. Perhaps negotiate price with Scott. Jeff Veteto, Larry Warrick, Matt Suellentrop, Duane Lawson, Jake Bartlett on Harmony U committee. Lawson will inform delegates at House of Delegates Meeting.

State V.P. Goals, will be reported at House of Delegates Meeting.

Duane thanked the board for their work the past two years and welcomed to new board members. Time to get out of survival mode. Opportunity to focus on members and help chapters come back stronger. State V.P.s should would work with PAT and board, get word out about Learning Academies, HEP school.



“Down Our Way” led by Jeff Veteto

Unfinished Business

Local Festivals \$5,000 has been budgeted for local festivals spread out across the district. Only one “festival” event, an event in Nebraska, has been held. State V.P. should work with Treasurer Warrick. Festivals were to encourage inter-chapter events.

BHS Standard District Bylaws revision. Erickson, Fuerniss, Schuetz, Lawson A proposal for the Standard District Bylaws was sent to Skipp Kropp, Society Governance and Bylaws Committee, for approval. He replied with some edits. The proposed revision with Kropp’s suggestions was posted on the documents section of the Society Web Site “Proposed District Bylaws” but was not specifically sent to board members. The suggestions made by Kropp have not been discussed. Discussion followed regarding certain language in the proposed bylaw regarding “vice presidents”. It did not appear as though the “Proposed District Bylaws” is ready to be presented to the House of Delegates at this time. Decision is to postpone presentation of Bylaws to HOD to fall convention. The District Code of Regulations should also be reviewed and revised. Fuson suggested that House of Delegates be made aware that the Society’s Standard Chapter Bylaws template be reviewed and approved at the chapter level.

Guests: **Dusty Schleier, Director of Marketing and Conventions**, will give an update on upcoming programs, conventions, Harmony University, Next Generation program, up-dates on our chapter numbers. Schuetz suggested addressing problems with BHS Member Center, who should members contact with problems. Schleier replied that Society is currently pretty much caught up with returning phone calls and answering emails. Society goal is to return calls within 48 hours. Chances are about 50-50 that you would get a live response to a phone call. Email are answered more quickly than phone calls. Fuson suggested including non-competitive, non-international news/articles in the Harmonizer.

John Donehower, Society President, here as a CSD member, wanted to attend first post-covid district convention. Great to be here. Weekend is about helping our members find as much joy as they can.

Perry White, Harmony Foundation International, will mention AIC Outreach program to House of Delegates; have had AIC quartets out working with about 3500 high school students around the country. Power of Harmony program, a youth anti-recidivism program, have had enquiries not only in Ohio but also Florida, Texas, Utah and Hawaii. Music changes lives. District Direct Program, grants to chapters, invest in chapters. South Central Kansas chapter president Kindy suggested that chapters be encouraged to keep applying for grants if they have not been successful in obtaining a grant in the past.



No other business from the floor.

Motion made by Suellentrop to adjourn. Seconded by Schuetz. (No vote taken.)



Combs directed the closing song “Keep the Whole World Singing”

Minutes compiled by Mark Fueniss, Secretary

Editor’s note: According to the Spring 2022 Financial Report posted on CSD website, Total Income was \$21,082.72; Total Other Income was \$14,186.93; Total Expenses were \$6,055.84; Total Other Expenses were \$1,330.00; Net income was \$27,883.81.