

CSD Spring 2021 House of Delegates Meeting
Virtual Zoom meeting
April 25, 2021, 3:00 pm



Where the Harmony Began

Zoom meeting began at 3:00 p.m. Recording of “The Old Songs” was played.

Quorum was established, 31 out of 65 delegates in attendance, 487.7%.

President Lawson welcomed everyone. Reminded delegates that meeting will be conducted according to Roberts Rules of order for small boards. Past Presidents recognized: Don Fuson, Ron Abel, Jim Nugent, John Marshall, Mark Erikson, Dale Schulz, Harvey Kiser. Also recognized were Blair Brown, BHS Society Board, Perry White, J.J. Hawkins and Dennis Castiglione, Harmony Foundation International.



Invocation and Chapter Eternal: Executive V.P. Matt Suellentrop gave an invocation. The following were inducted into the CSD Chapter Eternal. Power point presentation, “No More Sorrow”.

- Ronald Wolf Fort Dodge, IA
- Willard “Bill” Pratt Des Moines, IA
- Kenneth Volk, Sr. St. Louis No. 1, MO
- William Bullington Des Moines, IA
- David Elmore Joplin, MO
- Robert Berke Lexington, NE
- Ronald Meng St. Joseph, MO
- James McFerren Hastings, NE
- Marvin Pape Kearney, NE, Lincoln, NE
- Donald Ransom St. Joseph, MO, Frank Thorne
- Bruce Hoffmeier Des Moines, IA
- J. Lester Hooper Manhattan, KS
- John A. Richard Manhattan, KS
- Armand “Toby” Hansen
- Lawrence Smalley Mason City, IA
- Don Payton Davenport, IA
- Dennis Jones Papillion, NE
- Richard Henderson Kansas City, MO
- Melvin “Mel” Forsling Sioux City, IA
- Phillip Hunget Mason City, IA

Also inducted

- Roland Reuer Aberdeen, SD
- LeRoy Stock Kansas City, MO
- Lyle Meredith Dodge City, Hutchinson, and Hays, KS

- Dale Martin Hutchinson, KS
- Boyd Sodemann Ottumwa, IA
- Rogers Rohr St. Louis No. 1, MO
- Bert Bastin Fort Dodge, IA
- Charles Wadsley CSD Frank Thorne
- Robert Jack Mehaffey St. Joseph, MO

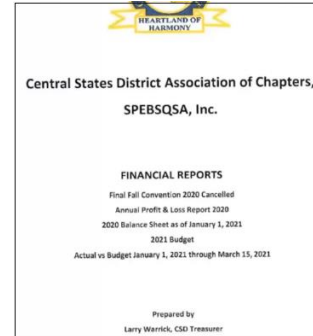


Members of the District Board and Program Administration Team were introduced: Chad Schuetz, Immediate Past President; Duane Lawson, President, Don Fuson, Membership Development V.P.; Dave Stephenson, South Dakota V.P., Larry Warrick, Treasurer; Jeff Veteto, Music and Performance V.P.; Mark Fuerniss, Secretary; Matt Suellentrop, Executive V.P.; Bret Randolph, Chapter Support and Leadership Training V.P.; Leonard Kinzie, Kansas V.P.; Lyle Schwery, Iowa V.P.; Carter Combs, Contest and Judging V.P.; Michael Bass, Missouri-Arkansas V.P.; Jake Bartlett, Nebraska State V.P. (17:45)

Treasurer's Report. CSD Treasurer Larry Warrick reviewed the Financial Reports for the first quarter of 2021 (18:53), posted on the District web site.

- Profit & Loss for 2020. Income from dues, \$26,730; \$5500.01 from HEP School registrations, International Prelim Contest, Leadership Academy and early registrations, Ended up at the end of the year in the black, \$17,473.11.

- Balance Sheet as of January 1, 2021. Checking account had almost \$53,000 (\$52,900.87), State Nebraska Bank, \$100 to keep account open; Money Market \$11,818.75; Certificate of Deposit, \$21,046.79. Total Checking/Savings of \$85,866.41. Convention Advance of \$3,000. Total Current Assets of \$88,866.41. There was some discussion during the Board meeting of moving some of the money out of the checking account into a Certificate of Deposit or Money Market but the checking account makes 2% interest whereas Money Market account has a 0.02% interest. Warrick will leave the money in the checking account until he finds a better place for it.



- Budget, as approved last fall, of \$4,596.94 in the black. Will see how this works out.
- 1st Quarter vs Budget, through March 31. District dues of a little over \$5300. (\$5,312.40) Interest income of \$29.06. HEP school and Leadership Academy was held in conjunction with BHS Mid-Winter so there was no income from either HEP School and Leadership Academy. Gross income was \$5,341.46. Mostly zeros for the first quarter. Expenses of \$310 for Leadership Academy and \$59.96 for HEP School for four “rooms” we used on Zoom. Computer services and miscellaneous expenses, \$1,549.99. Currently we’re still in the black, for the first three months of \$5,545.61. Randolph clarified that expenses for Leadership Academy were for reimbursements of some presenters from the district for registrations to attend and to present. The Financial Report was received by the Board at the Board meeting.

Approval of Minutes and Consent Calendar. Minutes and Consent Calendar were approved by the Board at the Board meeting on March 21 and have been posted on the District Web -site.

2020 Barbershopper of the Year. Jeff Veteto, 2019 BOTY recipient, announced the 2020 Barbershopper of the Year is the current Immediate Past President, **Chad Schuetz** for keeping Central States District going in 2020.



Highlights of the PAT reports: Executive Vice President Suellentrop stated that details of the PAT can be found on the District web site. Event V.P. Doug Brott and Contest and Judging V.P. reported on the upcoming Fall Convention/Contest planned for Lawrence, KS at the Lied Center. Plans are to have all contests this fall, both Spring and Fall contests. Events team is being pro-active setting dates and locations for future conventions. Dates to 2027 can be found on the District web-site. Reach out to Doug Brott if your chapter would like to host a convention. Virtual HEP school was held. Great coaches, great quartets, held via Zoom. Perhaps have another one prior to Fall Convention. Leadership Academy was held virtually in conjunction with BHS Mid-Winter. Great presenters from district, Society, and LOPT team. Don Fuson has been addressing kinks in the new BHS Member Center program. Reach out to Don if you have questions about Member Center.

Virtual Presentation of Harmony Foundation checks: J.J. Hawkins gave a brief explanation of the Donor’s Choice program, up to 30% of your donation can be designated for a district, chapter, or harmony brigade. J.J. announced checks would be sent to chapters from donations July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020



Central States District	\$2,157.41
Grand Island, NE	\$180
Cedar Rapids, IA	\$108
Davenport, IA	\$398.11
Des Moines, IA	\$852
Iowa City, IA	\$241.50
Fremont, NE	\$522
Leavenworth, KS	\$231
Kearney, NE	\$75
Springfield, NE	\$45
St. Charles, MO	\$632.50
Sioux City, IA	\$55.50
Kansas City, MO	\$1,069.52
Lincoln, NE	\$185.50
Manhattan, KS	\$249
Sioux Falls, SD	\$451.50
Florissant Valley, MO	\$36
Papillion, NE	\$311.99
Watertown, SD	\$33
Greater Ozarks, AR	\$105
Metro Kansas City, MO	\$668.48
South Central Kansas, KS	\$309.25
Total: District and Chapters	\$8,817.26 (\$8,917.26?)

Lawson reminded the delegates donations can also be sent to the Society, or directly to the District or a chapter.

Harmony Foundation Power of Harmony Presentation.

Dennis Castiglione presented a Power Point presentation regarding the Harmony Foundation International outreach program, [Power of Harmony](#) for at-risk juveniles at the Cuyahoga Hills Juvenile Correction Facility in Cleveland, Ohio.



 <p>POWER of HARMONY</p> <p>Transforming the lives of incarcerated youth through the power of music.</p> 	 <p>POWER of HARMONY</p> <p>Genesis of Power of Harmony – “The Why”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteered at CHJCF in a faith-based ministry since 2011. • Identified need for a successful bridge back into society. • Also identified a need for creative expression and arts education (specifically music) • Developed the concept, presented it to HFI on behalf of Wenk Foundation (initial funding organization) • Men of Independence performed in December 2019 and introduced PoH 
 <p>POWER of HARMONY</p> <p>“The What” - Power of Harmony is an anti-recidivism program that introduces multi-part a cappella music to youth in correctional facilities.</p> <p>Mission Statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Power of Harmony will play a transformative role in changing the life trajectory of youth offenders by introducing vocal ensemble singing and positive male role models to help teach and demonstrate the values of cooperation and community. 	 <p>POWER of HARMONY</p> <p>“The How”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance – live*, various genres, vocal and instrumental, every 6 wks • Education – onsite*, 2 instructors (certified music educators), 1x/wk – 6 wks/session, 40-60 min. • Mentorship – chorus members & clergy in/out • Participation – form ensembles to perform in/ out <p>* Remote for now</p> 
 <p>POWER of HARMONY</p> <p>“The Who”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performers (AIC quartets, district & chapter choruses, CASA ensembles, local collegiate & HS choruses & ensembles, professional and amateur performers) • Educators (local certified music educators) • Mentors (district & chapter members, local clergy) 	 <p>POWER of HARMONY</p> <p>Dennis Castiglione Outreach Program & Development Manager dcastiglione@harmonyfoundation.org 440-781-2763</p> 

Castiglione will gladly give a presentation or visit with chapters or any groups interested in learning more about this outreach program.

[Harmony Foundation International](#) President & CEO Perry White said the Power in Harmony program is designed to change lives for the better and perhaps provide an organizational change to a chapter is searching for a sense of purpose. Mentorship is important in this program and mentorship is something the barbershop organization can provide. If we can change just one life, that’s all the return on investment we need.

Lawson stated that we hope to enhance the convention experience for our district members with the money we received from the Donor’s choice program.

Member Center 2.0

Chapter leaders should update their chapter information and encourage their chapter members to update their profiles on the new Member Center 2.0. Membership Development V.P. **Don Fuson** that everyone “unhide” the personal information on their profile enabling communication between

members. By default, only the members name and Barbershop Member number is visible. Every identifiable chapter president, secretary, treasurer, and membership V.P. can download a chapter file. Your chorus is the “gold medal” chorus in your community and Fuson will present your chorus members with gold medals, until you sing again and re-earn your medal. Fuson will gladly assist chapters to get up to speed on Member Center 2.0. Fuson pointed out that since we are an international organization we are subject to privacy restrictions on our members unless this information is released by the member. The Society wants to protect its member from having their personal information being used by someone for personal gain. Mark Erickson pointed out he cannot do his job as a chapter mentor for chapters in Eastern Iowa without access to chapter information which his role as “CSLT V.P.” no longer allows.



President Lawson discussed the Project Connect program. [Project Connect](#) is a Society program allowing lapsed and renewing members financially affected by the pandemic the opportunity to negotiate the Society portion of their dues by phoning Harmony Hall 1-615-823-3993. The district will honor any negotiations reached and apply to District dues.

Goals of State V.P.s

- David Stephenson, South Dakota. Hopes to be able to get around to each of the chapters In South Dakota when pandemic is over. Making plans to rejuvenate the South Dakota Winter Festival.
- Leonard Kinzie, Kansas. Get out and visit Kansas chapters. Has asked to be invited to chapter zoom meetings. Visited virtually with Manhattan chapter. Trying to put together a Kansas festival under leadership of Price Pickard of the Manhattan chapter.
- Lyle Schwery, Iowa. Maintain contact with Iowa chapters. Fairly successfully with a Zoom call in March. Will do them quarterly. Would like to make personal visits. The Black Hawk Metro is planning a festival at the end of summer, inviting local quartets and choruses. A free concert for the region.
- Michael Bass, Missouri and northern Arkansas. Hope to get out and visit chapter when situation allows. Make sure chapters know what resources are available to them to engage with each other and participate in rehearsals. Currently there are a lot of different meeting arrangements.
- Jake Bartlett, Nebraska. Report in the Consent Calendar.

Unfinished Business

Regional Chapter Festivals. Schuetz explained the intention was for local festivals involving multiple chapters/chorus. \$5,000 was put in the District budget as seed money for these festivals. A way for chapters to come together once it is safe to do so. To get barbershoppers together on the risers and to get awareness of barbershop singing back into the communities.

Tee shirt. Order information will be posted on District web site and will be available at Fall Convention in Lawrence, KS. Plan to have a “town-hall” meeting perhaps in August, prior to the convention.



Don Fuson moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded. Seconded by Dave Stock. Meeting adjourned with a recording of “Keep the Whole World Singing,” by the BHS 2020 Medalist chorus, 4:30 p.m.

Mark Fuerniss

Mark Fuerniss, Secretary
Central States District



Dennis Castiglione
Harmony Foundation International
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