

Music Team Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 2, 2022 6:30pm

Attendees: Steve Sutherland, John Paul, Joe DeSantis, Herb Hebner, Keith Opal, Tom Uicker, Dave Kemp, Dave Montera, Geoff d'Allemand, Kevin Wolf, Carl Jones

1. Song Evaluation -- Current List

Song (director)	Perform		
	Grade	Visual	Notes
King of the Road (Dave)	B		body language
You've Got a Friend in Me (John)	A-	B	planned moves
Hello, Mary Lou (Dave)	A-		body language
Make 'em Laugh (Steve)	B+	C+	planned moves
Give My Regards to Broadway (Steve)	B		body language
On A Wonderful Day Like Today (Steve)	B	C	planned moves
What A Wonderful World (John)	B-		body language
Armed Forces Medley (Dave)	B+		
The Lion Sleeps Tonight (tenors)	C+	B	planned moves, tenor unit sound
My Girl (Dave)	C+	C-	planned moves, modified
That Old Quartet of Mine (Steve)	C+		body language
Over the Rainbow (John)	B		body language

Directors were pleased with the performance level of the music after last week's rehearsal.

2. Old and Ongoing Business

- Confirmed performance opportunities
 - Sylvan Lake, July 18. A full show style presentation. Need risers and sound system.
 - Dave suggested his son-in-law can evaluate our trailer's condition and perform maintenance if we want
 - Friends may attend the show not just Sylvan Lake residents
 - Suggested the show may begin somewhere around 7:30pm
 - Detroit Zoo - June 1. September 14 is other zoo date.
 - Awaiting contracts from the Zoo. Performance will consist of two or three run throughs of the Repertoire music also with Ensemble performance
 - Zoo had not found the W-9 form sent by Dave on April 12th. I sent it directly to Marissa Ratzenberger, Events Coordinator. She will create and send our contract.
- Outdoor rehearsals - Jaycee Park in Berkley in May and June.
- Hosting Fall Contest canceled

3. New Business

- Rehearsal venue moving to RO High School sometime in June
 - The RO Calendar now shows us at the middle school all summer. Robin was 95% sure we could use the choir room at the high school. So... We believe we have a place to rehearse, just not sure where.
- Potential performance opportunities

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- Arts, Beats & Eats, September 2-5 (Labor Day Weekend) in Royal Oak – online application submitted
 - Tom Marciano indicated he has received an email confirming we have applied and are evaluating
- Emailed inquiry about Detroit Zoo After-Hours events for Ensemble (all 6-10pm)
 - Zoo Brew for the Birds, Saturday, May 21
 - Summer Sips, Friday, July 29
 - Spooky Spirits, Friday, October 14
 - Polar Beers, Thursday, December 8
 - Marissa Ratzenberger indicated she will bring this our desire to perform to my supervisors and get back with us regarding these events.
- Stage presence – need to teach what body language means. Five songs have planned moves
 - You've Got A Friend In Me
 - Make 'em Laugh
 - On A Wonderful Day Like Today
 - The Lion Sleeps Tonight
 - My Girl
 - Worked on SP with more focus during Monday rehearsal.
- Rehearsal format to include starting with 30 minutes outside
 - Beginning outside was considered a good idea allowing for the weather.
- Change starting time of rehearsal
 - When meeting at a park
 - Regular Monday meetings
 - All rehearsals will now begin at 7pm and end by 9 or 9:15pm.
- Need a script for our show package and possible MCs.
 - Steve has asked Jim Kunz if he would write a script for our songs.
 - Possible MCs: Dave Montera, Ray Sturdy. Steve said he could fill in but doesn't feel he is real good at it any more.
 - Shared Malcom's response about being one of the MC's. Indicated he wouldn't return until we reconsider not only our mask policy but our vaccine policy.
- Question was asked about chorus participation in Fall contest in Kalamazoo.
 - Steve is unavailable, John could direct
 - Steve will create a sign up sheet to help determine interest
 - Only BHS members can participate.
 - Presented to chorus members during announcements at rehearsal
- Lynn will be contacted about resuming coaching. Hope is that we can have her join us before our Zoo performance.