

Tampa Bay Heralds of Harmony

Chapter of the SPEBSQSA, Inc.

Minutes of the February, 2006 meeting of the Board of Directors

The meeting was called to order by Bob Morrissey at the Masonic Headquarters in Tampa on February 15, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present:

President – Bob Morrissey
Imm. Past Pres/Events VP – Nick Schwob
Treasurer – Al Kelly
Music & Performance VP – Pat Bauer
Financial Development VP – Bill Phipps

Secretary – Lou Wurmnest
Director – Don Messler
Director – Bryan Kleske
Director – Fred Bjork
Director – John Solak

Board members absent:

Performance Marketing VP – Dave Roberts
Marketing & PR VP – Steve Matheson

Director – Bob Mitchell
Chapter Development VP – Ed Burt

Minutes:

A motion to accept the minutes of the January 25, 2005 board of directors meeting was made and seconded – Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was submitted -- nothing out of the ordinary was noted. A motion to receive the report was made, seconded and passed.

President's Report:

President Bob Morrissey noted the need to increase the membership and would like to see some progress made soon so that men that join will be able to compete at the District Contest in May. At this time, Bob has not received any plans for a guest night or promotion.

Membership VP Report:

Ed Burt was absent – no report submitted.

Public Relations VP Report:

Steve Matheson was absent – no report submitted.

Financial Development VP Report:

The chapter did not complete a Final Report for the Florida Cultural Affairs which was due at the end of 2004. This was for a grant from which we were to receive \$20,000 and the lack of which prevents us from requesting other grants from the Cultural Affairs group. Bill Phipps will compose a report by March 1 and give it to the proper people.

Bill is in the process of defining a timeline for applications, reports, etc. for the various grant requests.

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Music & Performance VP Report:

Adjudicators have been selected for each vocal part and the completion of adjudication for “You’re Nobody ‘til Somebody Loves You” is March 14.

Performance Development VP Report:

Dave Roberts has been in contact with the USAF at MacDill AF Base for a possible Christmas show. It was recommended that he continue to pursue it with them even though we may receive less than our normal performance fee. If we are contracted to put on a show, the Heralds can use the event for publicity and positive media coverage.

Events Chairman Report:

Nick Schwob reported that the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center has been reserved for:
June 3, 2006 – Annual show in Morsani Hall
December 2, 2006 – Christmas show in Ferguson Hall
June 9, 2007 – Annual show in Morsani Hall

The contracts have been signed with the quartets for the Herald’s June 3 annual show. Ticket prices to remain the same and will be available around the first of May. The Secretary is to let the Sunshine District and Kenosha know of the June 3 show date. ASCAP, BMI and SESAC fees will need to be paid by us for the performance.

Singing Valentine Chairman Report:

Bryan Kleske reported that approximately 80 singing Valentines were sold with about \$4,000 income and \$1,000 expenses. The TV publicity/promotions accounted for many of the sales. He recommends:

- New “greeting cards” with the HOH website, meeting time and location noted;
- Up-to-date business cards;
- Consider joint advertising with local choruses to share expenses; and
- Give out candy instead of Polaroid pictures.

Bryan has made up a booklet/manual for use by future Valentine committee chairmen.

Old Business:

A motion was made and seconded to table ‘the organization of a committee to study the feasibility of one annual show in March versus our present Christmas Show and Annual Show’. The motion passed.

A response was sent to Hari Barrett in response to her displeasure of our performing in Largo. We will work with her chorus and other surrounding chapters to improve awareness of each other’s activities.

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President Bob Morrissey said that the Pinellas County Arts Council is requesting information about us. That helps pave the way to a good relationship with Pinellas County.

New Business:

There is an opening for a Member-At-Large to fill the vacancy left by Dick Sipple. A vote to leave the position vacant passed.

The ad sales campaign outlined by Ev Nau at one of the chapter meetings requires someone to be the Ad Campaign Manager and the board needs to look for a suitable candidate.

Bob Morrissey pointed out that ticket sales to our performances are on the decline. Need to raise awareness of our shows to potential ticket buyers through effective use of the HOH website and other forms of media and publicity.

A suggestion was made to put an ad in the St. Pete and Sarasota annual chapter show bulletins.

The show could be promoted on the District Website – question was raised as to who and how to get it submitted to the District.

Joe Kane has submitted a “Request for Transfer” into the Heralds of Harmony. Voting on approving will be done by email.

Don Messler, a Member At Large relayed several questions/comments from chapter members. 1) The chorus should have more patriotic songs for Flag Day, etc.; 2) Arlo Guthrie lives in Florida – can he be utilized to increase the size of our audiences? 3) The Daytona 500 is in our backyard – can we promote barbershopping and the Heralds of Harmony at that event? 4) The chapter will need to find someone to handle risers – the Messlers *might* be moving from Tampa in the fall if Don’s current job goes away.

Barbershopper of the Month:

Bryan Kleske was selected for effectively running the Singing Valentine program.

Next Meeting: March 15, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Masonic Headquarters

Adjournment: 9:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Lou Wurmnest, Secretary

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Minutes of the April, 2006 meeting of the Board of Directors

The meeting was called to order by Bob Morrissey at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Tampa on April 12, 2006, at 7:10 p.m.

Board members present:

President – Bob Morrissey
Imm. Past Pres/Events VP – Nick Schwob
Marketing & PR VP – Steve Matheson
Financial Development VP – Bill Phipps

Secretary – Lou Wurmnest
Treasurer – Al Kelly
Director – Don Messler
Director – John Solak

Board members absent:

Performance Marketing VP – Dave Roberts
Music & Performance VP – Pat Bauer
Director – Bryan Kleske

Director – Fred Bjork
Chapter Development VP – Ed Burt

Minutes:

A motion to accept the minutes of the March 15, 2006 board of directors meeting was made and seconded – Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was submitted (paper copy of report on file). A motion to receive the report was made, seconded and passed.

President's Report:

President Bob Morrissey presented a summary of the chapter's performance during the first quarter, calling it the HoH Dashboard. Where possible, the summary compared first quarter '06 performance to the same period last year and included average weekly active members, (45 vs 48), average weekly attendance by active members (66% vs 79%), the number of weeks where attendance was above 75% (9/13 vs 9/15), number of performances in the quarter (1 vs 2), total guests/visitors for the quarter (4/28), number of new members in the quarter (1) and the number of non-renewals (6 vs 8 in the fourth quarter of '05 for a total of 14 in the previous six months.)

He urged the board to review / analyze the situation that the dashboard numbers present. In response to a request for ideas on how to reach new audiences, John Solak suggested extending an invitation to all Hillsborough County High School choral students, their music educators, and their parents to attend our annual show at no cost. That suggestion was made into a motion and the motion was seconded and passed.

The Board also suggested changing the structure of guest nights. A motion was made to have "structured" guest nights – open houses – at the rehearsals that immediately follow the annual show and the Christmas show. It was seconded and passed.

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Membership VP Report:

No report – VP Ed Burt was absent. His report will be emailed tonight.

Public Relations VP Report:

VP Steve Matheson reported that the mailers announcing the show was mailed today. He will submit promotional material to the Tampa Tribune for the Friday Extra. He is in the final stages of getting a 31” by 31” ad for a kiosk at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. A new business card has been distributed which has current show dates, email address and website information.

Financial Development VP Report:

Bill Phipps requested that our show programs and other publications acknowledge those giving us grants. It was suggested that we give show tickets to the various organizations supporting us with their grants.

Bill will be sending a grant request to the Pagliara Foundation. And he is asking for guidance in the types of grant requests – should they be specific or for general support.

Music & Performance VP Report:

Pat Bauer’s MVP report is on file. He reported that 47 have qualified for the Sunshine District chorus contest.

Performance Development VP Report:

Dave Robert’s report noted that an HOH chorus performance at for the MacDill AFB officers Christmas event is set for December 16.

He has called on several organizations and has found that their arts series schedules are set for the year 2006. He is submitting our name for their 2007 calendars.

Events Chairman Report:

Nick Schwob reported that he and Bob Morrissey are working on a venue for the afterglow of our annual show. The annual show details are going along smoothly.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

No sales manager has volunteered for the annual show program ads. Presently, it is being handled by Bruce Yeager, Steve Matheson, Russ Powell and Bob Morrissey.

Barbershopper of the Month:

No one was nominated.

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Good of the Order:

The Barbershop Harmony Society is emphasizing the copyright legalities with each of the chorus and quartet members. Joe Liles should be contacted for clarification of the requirements and restrictions.

Next Meeting: May 10, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center

Adjournment: 9:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Lou Wurmnest, Secretary

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Board members absent:

Performance Marketing VP – Dave Roberts
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Secretary – Lou Wurmnest

Minutes:

The minutes of the April 12 meeting had not been received by the members present and in the absence of the Secretary, the minutes will be reviewed at the June meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was submitted (paper copy of report on file). A motion to receive the report was made, seconded and passed.

President's Report:

President Bob Morrissey expressed his concern about the financial ramifications of the ad and ticket sales for our annual show, a \$25,000 production. He urged PR and advertising to make certain that people in the area are aware of our show.

President Bob appointed Paul Carter to fill an open At Large position on the Board. Paul's term will expire at the end of 2007.

Membership VP Report:

No report – VP Ed Burt was absent.

Bob Morrissey reported that the Society has instituted a "100% Club". Anyone who brings in five new members gets his dues paid. It will be awarded on the basis of 20% per new member. The Sunshine District will make the same offer and the Heralds of Harmony board passed a motion to do the same.

Music & Performance VP Report:

Pat Bauer has scheduled a music team meeting. His plans include working with Membership by developing quartets that will encourage potential members to join in by singing a tag or two. He is going to set up "wedge leaders" to help develop the

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presentation and the singing with groups that will include all voice parts rather than the current separate, voice part sectionals.

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The Hillsborough County Arts Council is requesting detailed information about the Heralds of Harmony organization with respect to financials, performances, outreach, etc. A copy of that request is on file.

Performance Development VP Report:

No report given.

Events Chairman Report:

The Afterglow is all set.

Old Business:

New Business:

Barbershopper of the Month:

Bill and Cathie Billings were unanimously selected to be co-Barbershoppers of the Month.

Good of the Order:

Next Meeting: June 21, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center

Adjournment: 9:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Lou Wurmnest, Secretary

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The meeting was called to order by Bob Morrissey at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Tampa on July 19 at 7:02 p.m.

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Music & Performance VP – Pat Bauer

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Board members absent:

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Guests:

Bob Buhlmann

Minutes:

The minutes of the June meeting were not yet completed. It will be emailed to the Board by July 26.

Treasurer's Report:

Al Kelly submitted the treasurer's report (paper copy of report on file). A motion to receive the report was made, seconded and passed.

President's Report:

President Bob Morrissey presented a Dashboard (summary) of the chapter's attendance for the first and second quarters of 2006 (paper report on file). Average attendance has declined from 45 members at rehearsals and performances during the first quarter to 39 at each event during the second quarter. During each of those two quarters one new member was added to our ranks, however there were six and eight non-renewals respectively. At next month's board meeting we will discuss how to improve attendance.

Bob also reported that the music committee is developing a different look for the fall contest. It was suggested that the Heralds align themselves with the Marines and collect for Toys For Tots at our Christmas Show. The suggestion was tabled.

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Music & Performance VP Report:

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Public Relations VP Report:

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Financial Development VP Report:

One of the requirements for the Hillsborough County Arts Council grants is to have our financial books audited by a Certified Public Account at least every two years. The cost of such an audit will be approximately \$800 and the board approved the expenditure.

Performance Development VP Report:

The contracts and details for the December performance at MacDill are being completed by Dave Roberts.

A performance at the First Christian Church in Largo is set for February 18, 2007.

Events Chairman Report:

A contract for the Ferguson Hall at TBPAC for December 2, 2006 has been received by Nick Schwob. The Board approved it so he sign it and send the required deposit to the Performing Arts Center. The Humdingers and Liberty Voices have agreed to be on the Christmas Show.

The 2007 annual show is scheduled for June 2 in the Carol Morsani Hall at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. The quartet Riptide will be a guest quartet at that performance.

Old Business:

None discussed. A separate meeting to discuss the Christmas Show was scheduled to be held immediately following the business meeting.

New Business:

None.

Barbershopper of the Month:

Betty Messler was unanimously selected for the great hospitality shown the guest quartets at TBPAC for the annual show.

Next Meeting: August 23, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center

Adjournment: 8:19 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Lou Wurmnest, Secretary

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Respectfully Submitted: Lou Wurmnest, Secretary

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Minutes of the August, 2006 meeting of the Board of Directors

The meeting was called to order by Bob Morrissey at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Tampa on August 23 at 6:55 p.m.

Board members present:

President – Bob Morrissey
Marketing & PR VP – Steve Matheson
Imm. Past Pres/Events VP – Nick Schwob
Financial Development VP – Bill Phipps
Chapter Development VP – Ed Burt

Treasurer – Al Kelly
Director – Don Messler
Director – John Solak
Director – Paul Carter

Board members absent:

Performance Marketing VP – Dave Roberts
Music & Performance VP – Pat Bauer

Secretary – Lou Wurmnest
Director – Fred Bjork

Minutes:

Secretary Lou Wurmnest was absent. No secretary's report from July's meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Al Kelly submitted the treasurer's report (paper copy of report on file). A motion to receive the report was made, seconded and passed. Al said that the books had been audited by Lacher McDonald & Co., CPAs and were found to be in order.

President's Report:

Bob Morrissey asked that he be notified by board members if they cannot attend scheduled board meetings.

Membership VP Report:

Ed Burt suggested we use bumper stickers to display information about our chorus. Steve Matheson will work with him on a design. Paul Carter volunteered to assist Ed Burt in staffing the reception desk at our chapter meetings.

Music & Performance VP Report:

Pat Bauer was absent – no report.

Public Relations VP Report:

Steve Matheson reported that the Christmas flyer has been printed and is ready for distribution and mailing. He suggested that we have a list of media, organizations, clients, customers and patrons that we can notify by email anything that we think newsworthy. Someone is needed to organize and maintain such a program.

Steve will set up a meeting of Bob Morrissey, representatives from the Ministry and
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himself to work on the details of our staging a benefit show in exchange for the use of their facilities for a chorus retreat next March. The Music Team and Bill Billings need to let Steve know actual dates they'd like for the retreat.

Financial Development VP Report:

Bill Phipps reported that the Arts Council of Hillsborough County will be voting in the next few months on the \$9956 grant that had been recommended in committee. Bill asked for good ideas that could be used in future funding requests. We need to submit worthwhile programs in such a manner as to get the grantors' attention.

The Division of Cultural Affairs has found that our "delinquent final report has met all the condition of the grant" thanks to the efforts of Bill Phipps and his team.

Performance Development VP Report:

The Air Force will require a list of performers at the December 16 performance at MacDill AFB. Each performer will need to show his driver's license.

Events Chairman Report:

Nick Schwob informed us that the Songfellows Quartet will represent the Heralds of Harmony at the September 16 open house at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center.

Old Business:

Toys For Tots: The Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center has given their OK for us to collect toys at our Christmas shows. President Bob Morrissey asked Steve Matheson to contact the appropriate people to determine next steps.

New Business:

None.

For the Good of the Order:

Bob Morrissey renewed his concern about the trend of less active participation by members at our rehearsals and our performances. Also of concern is the fact that we have not been attracting guests and our lack of success in converting guests to new members. President Morrissey is drafting a letter to send to "active" HOH members who have not been attending lately. The letter will focus on the chorus' valuable long term goals, new music, quartteting, added coaching, performances, and the scheduled retreat.

Barbershopper of the Month:

Phil Stern was unanimously chosen as the Barbershopper of the Month.

Next Meeting: September 13, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center

Adjournment: 9:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Lou Wurmnest, Secretary

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Board members absent:

Performance Marketing VP – Dave Roberts
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Minutes:

The Secretary reviewed the minutes of the May, June July, and August board meetings with the board members – all were accepted. The minutes to the board members are now current.

Treasurer's Report:

Al Kelly submitted the treasurer's report (paper copy of report on file). A motion to receive the report was made, seconded and passed.

President's Report:

Bob Morrissey noted that the contest preparations and the Christmas show preparations are going well. He iterated his concern that we have not been having guests, we've not had new members, and there are no long term bookings.

Membership VP Report:

Ed Burt was absent – no report.

Music & Performance VP Report:

Pat Bauer reported that he and the music committee are very pleased with the coaching of Steve Jamison. Bill Billings is working on recordings for new chorus repertoire and John Pennington is continuing to work on a retreat for March 2007.

Public Relations VP Report:

Steve Matheson reported that the Christmas mailings will be ready to send by the end of September.

Steve and Bob Morrissey met with the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Florida to work on details of our putting on a performance giving them tickets to one of our shows in exchange for allowing us use of their facilities for a retreat. A tentative date for the retreat is March 30 & 31, 2007.

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Steve presented the board with ideas for a sticker to be applied to the front page of the Tampa Tribune to attract singers to the Heralds of Harmony and to advertise the Christmas Show. A motion was made and seconded to have Steve proceed with the front page advertising on the Tribune on have the stickers put on 50,000 Sunday paper to appear the middle of October. The motion passed.

Steve will pursue the feasibility and cost of having "You Can Sing, Too" bumper stickers made and sold to our members to further publicize the chorus.

Financial Development VP Report:

Bill Phipps was absent. No report given.

Performance Development VP Report:

Dave Roberts has contacted the Spring Hill Mariner Methodist Church, Sun City Center and others at which we have previously performed to arrange performances for them.

Events Chairman Report:

The Events Chairman, Nick Schwob, told us the quartet Riptide has disbanded and subsequently will not be appearing on our annual show next June.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Nick Schwob asked if the Heralds of Harmony are interested in hosting the Spring Contest in Jacksonville in May 2007. It was tabled – to be put on next month's agenda.

On November 8, we have an opportunity to perform for the Tampa Bay Business Committee for the Arts to be held at the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg. Bob Morrissey will poll the chorus to make certain that enough members will be able to commit to that night.

Director John Solak suggested the Heralds of Harmony perform at the Candlelight ceremonies next year. To be discussed at the next meeting.

It was moved and seconded that the Heralds of Harmony annual meeting and election of officers be held October 17, 2006. The motion passed.

For the Good of the Order:

Bob Morrissey noted that the nominating committee must read the nominated slate of officers to the members on October 3 and October 10 in order to have the election at the annual meeting on October 17.

Barbershopper of the Month:

John Pennington was selected as Barbershopper of the Month for August.

Next Meeting: October 11, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center

Adjournment: 9:14 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Lou Wurmnest, Secretary

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Minutes of the October 2006 meeting of the Board of Directors

The meeting was called to order by Bob Morrissey at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Tampa on October 11 at 7:00 PM

Board members present:

President – Bob Morrissey	Treasurer – Al Kelly
Marketing & PR VP – Steve Matheson	Director – Don Messler
Financial Development VP – Bill Phipps	Director – Paul Carter
Secretary – Lou Wurmnest	Director – John Solak

Board members absent:

Performance Marketing VP – Dave Roberts	Imm. Past Pres/Events VP – Nick Schwob
Chapter Development VP – Ed Burt	Music & Performance VP – Pat Bauer

Minutes:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 2006 meeting. They were accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Al Kelly submitted the treasurer's report (paper copy of report on file). A motion to receive the report was made, seconded and passed.

President's Report:

Bob Morrissey reported that the chorus performance levels have improved and that the chapter is active and healthy – and functioning well. The year 2007 is going to be a busy year with the February show, Spring Contest, Annual Show, International Contest, the Fall Contest, and the Christmas show. He is still concerned about membership and attendance.

MaxQ has been contacted to perform on our annual show.

Membership VP Report:

Ed Burt was absent – no report.

Music & Performance VP Report:

Pat Bauer was absent – no report.

Public Relations VP Report:

Steve Matheson reported that the Christmas mailings have been sent. There will be stickers put on the front page of 54,116 Tampa Tribunes for October 22. There are 5 posters ready for Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center kiosks. He spoke with the people at Luther Spring in Hawthorne, Florida and they said that March 30-April 1 is the only weekend available for March for the HOH retreat. The cost is approximately \$50 per person.

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Financial Development VP Report:

VP Bill Phipps reported that the Arts Council of Hillsborough County has given us about half of what we had requested. He wants the board members to motivate chorus members to come up with ideas for good chorus activities that require money and he will do the necessary paperwork to apply for grants.

The Business Committee for the Arts is sponsoring the November 8 performance at the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg of which the Heralds are a part.

The Arts Council of Hillsborough County has been offered evening tickets to our Christmas performance for them to give to various agencies for \$1 each. They then contribute an additional \$4 so that we get \$5 per seat.

Performance Development VP Report:

President Bob Morrissey is asking that Dave Roberts follow up with members of the business community that are in attendance at the November 8 show for performance possibilities.

Events Chairman Report:

The Events Chairman, Nick Schwob, will fly to Denver in November to review the contest venue and available hotels for our chorus.

Old Business:

A motion was made 'To find out the details of hosting the 2007 Spring Convention in Jacksonville.' It was amended to 'Authorize Nick Schwob to commit to having the Heralds of Harmony host the convention.' The motion as amended passed.

Bob Morrissey will ask Brad Grabill to communicate information about Disney World's candlelight ceremonies to the membership to determine interest in performing.

New Business:

A motion was made and seconded that 'Bob Morrissey appoint a committee to oversee the Herald's arrangements for the 2007 International contest being held in Denver.' Motion passed.

For the Good of the Order:

The board authorized the sale of the chapter's spare trailer. Don Messler will gather details about its value.

Barbershopper of the Month:

Bill Phipps was selected as Barbershopper of the Month for September.

Next Meeting: November 15, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center

Adjournment: 9:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Lou Wurmnest, Secretary

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