

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SPRING, 2018

I. DPC Meeting, January, 2018

I attended the meeting of the District President's Council (DPC) in January, 2018 held in conjunction with the Society Mid-Winter Convention. The DPC is comprised of the District Presidents and District Executive Vice-Presidents from each of the 17 Districts.

At our meeting in Costa Mesa we spent time discussing items of concern and interest to the members of the group. These items included discussions regarding the running of District Leadership Academies. We noted that some Districts have very successful programs, while others do not. We set up a Task Force to investigate the various District's programs and to report back to the DPC at our meeting in July at Belmont University.

We also held a discussion regarding Conventions and the possibility of Mixed Quartet and Chorus contests. Additionally we discussed the logistics of putting on a successful convention, including what defines a successful convention, and how to make sure the district does not lose money on a convention. This will be one of the topics we will bring on for discussion at the Leadership Forum to be held at Belmont University the weekend before Harmony University.

II. District Board Workshop

We also held a workshop for the District Board in early March. All but two of our Board Members were able to attend the workshop. At that workshop we used the services of a facilitator to assist us in recognizing and defining our roles within the District Board, and to start a timeline of activities for the District. Chris Berry has put that timeline into a spreadsheet for our use as we move forward. We will use that document to add detail to the listed events, and to add events as they arise in our planning.

III. Senior Chorus Program

We will begin to work on establishing a Senior Chorus. The Pioneer District is scheduled to participate in the Senior Chorus Festival at Mid-Winter in 2020. At this time we do not know when or where that convention will be. We will start the organization of the Chorus by having questions regarding the project be a part of the Survey Joe McDonald is putting together. We will also have materials, including sheets members can complete to show their interest at a table near the Registration Desk at this Convention, and probably the next 3 conventions as well. We are looking to put together an Administrative Team to run that program.

IV. Inter-District Cooperation

We have been in discussions with the leadership for the Johnny Appleseed and Cardinal Districts to discuss the potential for cooperation in the administration and running of programs. To that end we are trying to finalize a meeting with the Boards of all three Districts Sunday May 20. The Cardinal District is offering the use of Manuel Lutheran Church, 800 Green Street, New Haven, IN. We have access to the church from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m.

The tentative agenda is to discuss:

1. Convention models/Joint Conventions
2. Basecamp Subgroups/inter-chapter communications
3. "Brother Chapters" (like "sister" cities)
4. Everyone In Harmony (non-traditional members, mixed quartets)
5. Leadership Training
6. Possible Operations Group breakout sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

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