

**SHRINE CHANTERS ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL**  
**Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes (via conference call)**  
**September 30, 2018**

Meeting called to order by President Greg Lewis at 8:00 pm Central Time  
Invocation was given by Barry Spitzer  
Pledge of Allegiance was given by Lee Pfeifer

Roll call of officers and members present on the call by Secretary:  
Greg Lewis, President (RAJAH)  
Lee Pfeifer, First Vice-President (SYRIA)  
Bruce Rohrbach, Second Vice-President (RAJAH)  
Barry Spitzer, Secretary (MOOLAH)  
Jim Gesell, Imperial Competition Chairman (MOOLAH)  
John Baber, Board Member (AL BEDOO)

Greg Lewis appointed Jim Gesell Third Vice-President to fill out the term until the July Board Meeting. Motion to approve was unanimous. President Greg representing RAJAH was at a Public Relations meeting in Tampa and had an opportunity to sit down with Imperial Sir Jim Cain and incoming Imperial Potentate, Jeff Sowder. Imperial Sir asked Greg if the Chanters will be singing at the Imperial Session next year. Jim Cain commented what a nice job the Chanters did at the opening session at Daytona. It was mentioned that hopefully the Chanters would be singing in Kansas City, too. Rocky, a gentleman from EL RIAD was wearing a Chanter fez and said EL RIAD has not been to Imperial for several years, but in EL RIAD's meeting he was mentioning to his unit he was going to discuss the possibility of going to Nashville.

### **Secretary's Report**

Barry gave Secretary's Report mentioning that the report from July 16, 2018, Board Meeting had 2 payments of \$250 each and would be noted in the correction. Barry read a letter from Jim Cain to the International Chanter's Association praising us for the singing and participation at the Imperial Session at Daytona. The letter will be posted to the website as soon as under the **PRINTABLES** tab.

### **Treasurers Report**

Barry gave treasurers report in lieu of Del Kroon who was unable to be on the call. Since a current report was not available Barry reported a balance of \$9,204.77; however, once the 2-\$250 adjudicator fees, or \$500, was subtracted from current balance that left a net balance, if all numbers are correct, of \$8,704.77. If things would change with the Treasurer's position, Lee Pfeifer made a motion, Jim Gesell second and motion was carried to allow Secretary to act as Treasurer for the time being. Barry mentioned that we need to reimburse Greg and his wife for the installation and reception cost. Greg will forward the invoice to Secretary.

### **Chanter Units Competing in Competition in Nashville**

RAJAH, SYRIA and MOOLAH expressed interest to be in Nashville for Imperial, 2019. Much discussion was held about singing at Imperial. Lee Pfeifer suggested the coral conductors get together by email or phone and discuss the music for the worship service. Jim Gesell will be in contact with the Imperial Church Chairman to discuss church service, music and church pastor. At Greg's Communication Conference, additional songs were discussed by Imperial Potentate. It may be possible to have a country music song for units to learn and sing during Imperial Session. Barry mentioned a theme for the 2019 Imperial (Shriner's Love Country).

## **Competition**

Choral and Quartet Competition will be held in the Convention Center downtown on Monday, July 1. 10:30 a.m. was agreed that it was a good time to begin – a little later start for our voices. Trophies for 2 division competitors were discussed if needed. Barry suggested the annual board meeting be held on a different day than the day of competition. Housing for Chanter's will be secured through advice from Barry and his Imperial contacts. The three current competing Chanter units would probably need 10 rooms for each unit.

## **Imperial Session**

We will be singing The National Anthem at Opening Session. If new Potentate asks us to sing at the First Lady's Pageantry on Wednesday, July 3, SYRIA will not be able to participate because they will be returning home for a July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. We will discuss availability if that comes up.

Imperial church songs will be sung in the Grand Lodge next to the Renaissance Hotel.

Lee also mentioned that possibly Elvira could be sung by all units (group song) in keeping with the theme: Shriners Love Country.

Installation of Officers and possible reception or banquet will be held after the competition. Depending on how many units compete, we can have a reception like last year in Daytona or a full banquet.

Greg mentioned there should be pictures from the Installation and Reception in Daytona. Barry asked anyone to forward pictures to him to put on the website, or if they want he will give the contact information (email) directly to Ashley who handles the website.

Greg mentioned that a list of officers and pictures should be included in the website.

## **Closing Comments**

Greg mentioned that the camaraderie and fellowship we had in Daytona was great and everyone had a good time just singing and getting to know each other.

Date for next quarterly call: Sunday, Jan. 13 or Jan. 20 depending on availability.

Motion to adjourn and second, carried unanimously by all at 8:53 pm.

**Conference call phone number is: 712-775-7031**

**Access Code: 626252#**

Respectfully submitted,  
Barry Spitzer, SCAI Secretary