

SHRINE CHANTERS ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL
Winter Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes (via Zoom)
January 17, 2021

Meeting called to order by President Lee Pfeifer at 7:01 pm Central Time
Invocation was given by Noble Spitzer
Pledge of Allegiance led by Lee Pfeifer
Roll call of officers and members present on the call by Barry Spitzer, Secretary:

Lee Pfeifer, President (SYRIA)
Bruce Rohrbach, First Vice-President (RAJAH)
Matt Boice (SYRIA)
Barry Spitzer, Secretary/Treasurer (MOOLAH)
Greg Lewis, Past President and current board member (RAJAH)

Secretary's Report

There was a delay of getting the 10/4/2020 board meeting minutes. Barry will complete the minutes and send them to members for approval to be voted upon at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Balance of \$6,634.52 is in treasury.

Old Business

There was discussion of Imperial Session in Houston and which units are coming. As far as we know the Imperial Session is still on. SYRIA thinks they have 6 or 7 singers, RAJAH 4 or 5, MOOLAH has no confirmed number at this point. Greg mentioned he had an update on the safety provisions being planned to implement at the George Brown Convention Center. Lee has already reserved 3 rooms at the Marriott Marquis, host hotel. After much discussion, we felt it was probably best to go and sing as a group and perform for the Imperial Session and not have a competition. Suggested to have at least 3 combined numbers. Competition site is still set for Monday, July 5th. Barry mentioned that a cabaret like they had in Indianapolis would be fun and we could invite guests to come. Lee mentioned each director have a song title all units could sing together. Question about hospitality rooms this year...Bruce said he would check into a hospitality room for Chanters and big enough for visitors to come for snacks/beverages and hear us sing.

New Business

Much cudos to Bruce for putting together the virtual choir (Santa Claus Is Coming to Town). Everyone enjoyed it and said it was remarkably well done. Update on Don't Let the Music Stop: question about non-Masons who were interested in singing with Chanters. Bruce will find the accompaniment for the song and send it to us. Lee mentioned we should send this out to all other Chanter Units. Barry will email this information to other units. Discussion was made how to market Chanters and open up invitation for others to sing. Motion was made by Bruce and seconded by Barry to let non-Shriners join the next virtual choir. No discussion, motion carried. Lee will forward names of other units so Barry can send invitations for them to join. Barry mentioned along with Bruce that there should be a more professional approach to learn to speak/sing into the camera. Bruce will send information on the "how to." After much discussion, it was decided there should be a more professional look. Bruce will get something in the mail February or March.

The next meeting date is scheduled for April 11, 2021. President Lee will conduct the meeting by Zoom and will send a link for us.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:33

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Spitzer, SCAI Secretary/Treasurer