# CALIFORNIA WOMEN’S CHORUS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES APRIL 18, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** Meredith Glaser called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

# Roll Call: Present Voting Voting Reps &

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| Burbank Singers | 2 | 2 |
| Harbor Singers | 1 | 2 |
| Lake Wildwood | 1 | 1 |
| Monday @ JoJo’s | 2 | 2 |
| New Century Singers | 2 | 3 |
| Riverside Mission Belles | 2 | 3 |
| Santa Barbara Treble Clef | 1 | 2 |
| Sweet Harmony | 1 | 1 |
| Verdugo Hills | 2 | 2 |

Twenty-eight chorus members were present.

A quorum of delegates and representatives were present.

# The members of the Board of Managers were introduced.

Co-Chair: Meredith Glaser Co-Chair: Jean Sommerville Secretary: Leslie Bernard

Treasurer: Anne Beachey-Kemp Music Director: Judy Kertes

# Minutes of the last Annual Business Meeting

* 1. Minutes for the 2023 Annual Meeting were sent directly to members to read prior to the meeting.
	2. The Chairperson asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Priscilla Marchus said that the last name of their accompanist,

Real, was misspelled as Reed.

* 1. The Chairperson asked for a motion to accept the minutes as corrected.
		1. It was moved by Debbie Schwartz and seconded by Rebekah Freemen that the Annual Business Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2023, be approved as corrected. The motion passed.

# Reports of Officers and Committees

* 1. **Treasurer’s Report: Anne Kemp**

The 2022-2023 Financial Review:

* + 1. The Treasurer read the final financial statement for the last convention.
		2. It was moved by Jean Sommerville and seconded by Debbie Schwartz that the final financial statement for the last convention be accepted. The motion passed.

Balance on hand as of August 2022: $19,097.21 Income: $27,273.00. Disbursements: $33,145.51 Current Balance as of July 31, 2023: $13,224.70

* + 1. Current Fiscal Balance:

The treasurer gave the report of the current financial status of the organization.

Income YTD: $21,134.00 Expenditures YTD: $10,207.12

Checkbook Balance as of April 11, 2024: $21,151.58 Savings Balance: $10,577.97

The report will be filed subject to financial review.

* + 1. Raffle – Pat Petersen

The raffle ticket sales are $3700 although not all the ticket sales money has been received. Additionally, there is $715 in general donations.

The raffle winner’s check will be cut at the convention.

# Other Reports

* + 1. Scholarship Committee: Cathy Doub

The three scholarship winners will not be listed as first, second or third; and they will all receive the same scholarship cash award.

Shirley Stewart suggested that the scholarship process be reviewed, raising questions about advertising the scholarships, charging fees, and the continuation of in-person tryouts.

Meredith Glaser said that she, Jean Sommerville, and Shawn Kelly plan to revamp the scholarship process for the 2025 convention.

Barbara Vargas asked about the application fee of $35 for the students.

Judy Kertes said many competitions do not have an application fee.

However, the applicants do have the expense of paying their accompanists.

* + 1. Resource Sharing Committee: Shawn Kelly

Shirley Stewart promoted choruses sharing information about their events and reminded choruses to select one tech-savvy person from each group to promote their chorus on social media.

Rebekah Freeman shared that she feels overloaded already.

Meredith Glaser and Shawn Kelly will work with her and the Lake Wildwood Woman’s Chorus in their media effort.

Judy Kertes’ chorus will revamp their website and connect with CWC to report performances and events. All choruses should connect to CWC with their events as well.

* + 1. Area Representatives
			- Northern Area Representative: Heidi Cotler

Rebekah Freeman reported that her group, Lake Wildwood Women’s Chorus, has 35 members and had a great season with sold out performances. Additionally, their group

collaborated with a men’s chorus in some of performances which went very well.

There was a discussion in Northern California about holding music during the convention concert.

* + - * Central Area Representative: Priscilla Marchus

Santa Barbara Treble Clef membership increased to 28 in the fall; however, when several members did not return in spring, there were 21.

* + - * South Central I Area: Cathy Doub

New Century Singers Whittier has 35 members plus the director and 2 accompanists. They had a concert in the fall, at Christmas, and in the spring.

In addition, they had five sing-outs, several frolics, and two restaurant dineouts.

Verdugo Hills Women’s Chorus: Jody Weems reported that they have 19 members. Verdugo Hills had 11 performances

this year and are booked for 15 dates from May to December.

Verdugo had a public concert at a church with a full house. They split the profits with the church.

* + - * South Central II Area: Kathy Gast

Burbank Singers has 13 new members for a total of 33. They had 6 fall performances, earning $125 each.

Fundraisers included a Halloween bake sale, a Thanksgiving bake sale, a yard sale, and a Friends and Family Concert in December.

Harbor Singers has 7 members and had 2 performances, earning $250 each. Harbor Singers will not be meeting until August.

Monday @ JoJo’s has 6 members and performed with Burbank Singers in the Friends and Family Concert.

The group has had 3 outdoor concerts in Montrose using their own sound equipment.

Shirley Stewart commented on community outreach as a good opportunity to perform. Diana Tyson added that smaller groups can sing in hospitals.

* + - * Southeast Area: Debbie Schwartz

Riverside Mission Belles has 20 members; 3 are new

members. They had 13 performances, charging $100 for 30 minutes and $125 for 45 minutes.

One of the performances was at the Festival of Lights in downtown Riverside. At the moment, they are looking for an accompanist.

They get together for lunch after rehearsals and are also planning to order new shirts.

* + - * Southern Area: Deanna Solomonson

Pat Petersen said that Sweet Harmony has had three directors in one year; currently, they have a temporary director. The group deals with 50% attendance.

They had one performance and will try for a church performance.

* + 1. Keeper of the Seal: Shirley Stewart
1. Shirley explained fiscal responsibility for the Board of Managers and each chorus’ board, reminding delegates to be mindful in making financial decisions.
2. Treasurer’s meeting, 6-6, 10:00 a.m. on Zoom
3. End-of-the-Year meeting, 6-18, 10:00 a.m. on Zoom.

# Special Orders

* 1. **Annual Dues**

There was a discussion about the membership dues which is paid by all members in the CWC.

Jean Sommerville made a motion to keep the membership dues at

$15.00 per year. The motion passed.

# Election of Area Representatives

Cathy Doub said that she will not re-run and suggested that Barbara Vargas could replace her in the South Central I area.

The current area representatives were re-elected by acclamation with Barbara Vargas taking Cathy Doub’s position.

Northern Area Representative: Heidi Cotler

Central Area Representative: Priscilla Marchus South Central I Area: Barbara Vargas

South Central II Area: Kathy Gast Southeast Area: Debbie Schwartz Southern Area: Deanna Solomonson

# Election of the Keeper of the Seal

Shirley Stewart was re-elected by acclamation.

# Election of the Accountant

Jean Sommerville moved to retain Dahlya McDonald as the CWC accountant.

# Election of the Webmaster

Jean Sommerville moved to retain Shawn Kelly as Website Services.

# Affirmation of the Host Chorus and Chairperson for Convention 2026

No host chorus was confirmed at this time.

# Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

# New Business

* 1. **Discussion on CWC Convention Chorus to hold music during concert**

Riverside Mission Belles proposed that the Convention Chorus hold music in folders during the Convention Concert.

Jody Weems moved and Debbie Schwartz seconded to have the Convention Chorus hold music during the Convention Concert*.*

The motion did not pass.

# Other New Business

No discussion.

# Introduction of the Incoming Host Choruses

Burbank Singers, Verdugo Hills Women’s Chorus, and Monday@JoJo’s will host the 2025 Convention.

The Incoming Board of Managers for 2025 include Meredith Glaser, Chairman; Jean Sommerville, Co-chairman; Diana Tyson, Music Director; and Anne Beachey-Kemp, Treasurer. A secretary has not been selected. A date for the 2025 Convention has not been set.

# Announcements

No announcements were made.

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Submitted by:

Leslie Bernard

2023-2024 CWC Secretary