



The MVEer Monthly

March, 2014



A Word from the President of the Midwest Vocal Express Jim Schmidt

We now have a new chorus phone number. It is **414-367-7097**, which is featured on our new poster for our May 10, 2014 spring concerts at Nathan Hale High School Theater.

Over many weeks, I have had the chance to talk with MVE members on their aspirations and on any issues that they might wish to express. I have assembled the thoughts and talked again with members to clarify their suggestions and ideas.

We have started to make some changes in the way we do things administratively and musically in the MVE. We are always looking for ways to improve every aspect of what we do. When the new board was chosen I was happy to see our 3 board members at



large interested in taking on various roles this year. **Jake Umhoefer** has taken on fundraising efforts for the chorus along with **Craig**



Schaefer taking on the 50:50 raffles for us. They both will also be doing other tasks this year to

help move us forward along with our VP's.

The Midwest Vocal Express presents:

Shining City On A Hill

Because United Is How We Stand

Saturday, May 10, 2014
2:00 PM and 7:30 PM Tickets Available Now

MVE *New Location*
Nathan Hale High School Theater
11601 W. Lincoln Ave. West Allis, WI

General Admission - \$15/\$20 Reserved Seating - \$25
\$2 Off General Admission Through March 31st

414-367-7097
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We have been getting some great suggestions for membership and marketing, now we need to have members step up and become involved in one or the other to do some of the tasks needed to accomplish our goals of more members and more performances. **Tim Zielke** has put together a sign-up list of the open slots we need to fill. He will be presenting list at rehearsal on several Monday nights. Please take a look at what you might be able to help us with this year.

In some of the meetings leading up to me taking over the Presidency, I realized that I wanted someone who would be willing to look at everything we do administratively with an eye towards improving things that make them at an "A" level, just as we strive for in our musical endeavors. **Tim Zielke**, our 3rd board member at large, took on that role and provides feedback to me regarding things we can improve on. When Tim brings me a suggestion, we talk about it, and if I believe it will help the chapter gain on that "A" level goal, I ask him to bring our suggestions for improvement to the individual(s) who are handling that area for the chapter. I ask that everyone have an open mind to suggestions for improvement or making your task(s) easier, just as we expect each of us to take those suggestions from a musical coach. Just think of Tim as our chapter business coach, looking for ways to help us do things better and/or easier.

If you have any questions, please let me know! I am eager to listen and to lead us in our newest motto: *Musical. Visionary. Excitement.*

Thanks, Jim Schmidt jrsmvelead@yahoo.com


Musical. Visionary. Excitement. James Estes, as the installer of our new board, gave a talk that featured words that fit the Midwest Vocal Express. These words are now on our business cards, and should help us focus on what is distinct and original in our chorus.

We are **musical**, clearly, as that is what drew us to performance and singing. We are **visionary**, as we see the impact that our style of performance has had on the whole Barbershop Harmony Society. And the key to our great performances continues to be the **excitement** we put on our faces and our whole being as we perform.

Quarteting – Come early for some quarteting and tag-singing practice at 6:30pm.

Nathan Hale Theatre at **11601 W. Lincoln Ave.** in West Allis is our new venue for the Saturday, May 10th concerts at 2pm and 7:30pm. The Theater has the motto: *We keep the drama on stage.* For driving information go to: <http://wawmhale.ss3.sharpschool.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1213407&pageId=1213436>



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 MVE Practice at 7PM	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 MVE Practice at 7PM	11	12 MVE Board Meeting at 6:30 at the Church	13	14	15
16	17 MVE Practice at 7PM	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 MVE Practice at 7PM	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Coaching by Kim Vaughn at 7PM	 Kim Vaughn , twice Queen of the Sweet Alelines International comes back in March to add polish to our voices and performance!				