



Gentlemen,

The IDEA trustees are pleased to report that 2021-22 has been a busy year for grant requests. After concluding 2021 with a request to fund a Top Gun Quartet College, which the trustees approved “to the tune of 'up to \$1500' to support the school” in August, and a grant to Second City Chorus for a “Ready, Set, Sing” event for \$500 in December, the trustees received Treasurer Earl Holtz's report showing a balance of \$158,494 on March 11, 2022.

Beginning 2022 with a request on January 1, Executive Director Cearnal received a request for IDEA to fund 10 individual scholarships at \$75 each and one quartet scholarship for \$250 for Harmony College Midwest. In order to spur the success of HCM, trustees agreed to increase the quartet number from one to five quartets.

On January 31, 2022, IDEA received a grant request to offset the expenses of Vocal Spectrum Quartet to appear at the April project titled Acapalooza at the Mount Zion High School. The organizer said, “This Show will bring about awareness of local barbershop chapters in Bloomington and Coles County and provide youth the opportunity to see how barbershop music enriches the lives beyond high school.” This motion passed.

On June 5 trustees received and passed a request from Evan Patrick, District VP of Youth in Harmony, on behalf of Elite IV Quartet for \$500 “...to help secure our spot in this year's Next Gen Varsity Quartet Contest at the International competition in Charlotte, NC.”

Finally, we are hoping that President Lathom and the House of Delegates will agree to accept the appointment of our treasurer, Earl Holtz, for another 5-year term.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Cearnal
IDEA Executive Director