

Greater Detroit Chapter, Barbershop Harmony Society

Monthly Meeting

March 5, 2024

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Attendees: Ted Barbret, George Burkett, Geoff d'Allemand, Dave Kemp, John Marsh, John Paul, Mike Schulte, Cliff Stevens.

Absent: Joe DeSantis, Craig Roney.

Guests: Paul Kaiser, Tom Marciano.

The meeting was convened at 6:05 PM by President Stevens.

Treasurers Report: Discussion involved acquiring a debit card to pay for purchases such as sheet music and tracks (thus avoiding individual members paying for those items out of pocket and being reimbursed later). Also discussed whether or not to set up a PayPal account (for ticket purchase and paying for ads).

GoDaddy Account: One will be set up as home for our new website.

BHS Insurance Policy: Our policy has limited coverage for guests (3-4 visits) and non-paying chorus members are considered as guests.

Chorus members should, therefore, be encouraged to renew BHS membership. When reapplying and paying dues, members should not ask to go paperless or be digital only. Otherwise, members wont receive a hard copy of their new membership card.

Ensemble: Discussion involved reinstating the Ensemble involving 10 members for touring purposes and constituting a separate coed or mixed chorus (8-16 members) separate from the mens chorus.

Royal Oak Ravens Choir: Discussion involved holding a joint concert with the choir. More information is needed before making a decision.

Student Scholarship: P. Keiser or J. Paul will contact Pioneer District for a grant application to fund a student scholarship to Blue Lake.

Adult Education Course: Discussion involved our chorus offering an evening class on barbershop style singing. More information is needed.

Additional Performance Opportunities: Discussion involved several possibilities: quartets singing on Royal Oak street corners, or selling vendor food (as a fund raiser) during Arts, Beats & Eats, or the Renaissance Festival, for example, (though we are welcome to sing on corners anytime), and additional outdoor rehearsals during the summer.

Music Team: P. Keiser presented a budget for acquiring new music: \$1,300 (tax included for sheet music, \$200 for the license to learning tracks, \$400 for 2 coaching sessions \$100 for unforeseen costs.

J. Paul moved and G. Burkett seconded approval of the Music Team budget of \$2,000. Motion carried.

Digital copies of new music will be available for individual members to print their own copies. Those who cant print copies will be provided print copies from the music team.

D. Kemp moved and G. Burkett seconded approval to adjourn at 6:52 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted: Craig Roney, Secretary (Notes provided by Dave Kemp)

Minutes Approved: