



Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

March 2008 Chapter Board Meeting – Mar. 17, 2008

Attendees

Dave Montera – President
David Beamer – Secretary
Tom Uicker – Treasurer
Jim Kunz – VP Music
John Balint – VP Marketing
John Blanchard – VP Programs
Jack Day – VP Membership
Randy Wright – At large
Lou Stark – At large
Jeff Spires – At large
Herb Hebner – Immed. Past President

Guests

George Bartlett

Meeting called to order at 6:30.

Minutes for February 2008 meeting were read and approved. MSC

Tom Uicker gave the February treasurer's report. The report showed a month-end balance of \$7,676.75. Report accepted – MSC. The profit from the Clarenceville HS show was approximately \$3,050, compared to show profits of \$7,000 - \$10,000 from recent years. The differences this year included ticket sales down by about 20%, and higher quartet expense than typical (up about 50%, largely due to transportation costs).

Jim Kunz gave the Music Team report as of Mar 3rd. Spring Contest readiness was discussed. The DOC chorus has been registered for the contest. Other items:

- Matt Coombs has resigned as the coach for the DOC chorus
- Jim Kunz said he will draft wording of a certificate of appreciation for Matt
- There was a slight profit on the afterglows for the Feb. show (Thanks, Earl)

Jack Day noted that 11 men have recently shown some level of interest in joining the chapter. He made suggestions regarding getting the newer guys into the flow of the chapter's yearly activities.

John Balint reported that four dates are set for Princess cruises. The date for DOC's cruise was suggested to be May 18th. Financial arrangements were explained; they are similar to those of last year. There was some discussion of contract wording with the Princess; John would work with Dave M. on that. John also mentioned there was another topic that he would defer to another meeting.

New business

Dave M. brought up the topic of scholarships. \$300 of the show's proceeds are earmarked for the Harmony Foundation.

Fran will continue to contact local schools about candidates for the DOC's scholarships, although the chapter might be able to afford only one instead of the usual two. MSC

Plans for next year's show were opened up to include the possibility of combining with the Great Lakes Sweet Adeline chorus – Dave M. will ask for chapter members to help form a small exploratory committee to discuss the idea with the Sweet Ads chapter. Date, venue, headliner quartet(s) – everything would be open for discussion. (We have already tentatively booked Storm Front for next year's normal late-February dates, so changing the date or Storm Front's participation should be addressed soon.)

Meeting adjourned at 7:25.

Respectfully submitted,
David A. Beamer, Secretary