



## **Detroit-Oakland Chapter**

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

April 2008 Chapter Board Meeting – Apr. 21, 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

### Guests

Earl Berry

Meeting called to order at 6:35.

Minutes for March 2008 meeting were read and approved. MSC

Jim Kunz gave a verbal summary of the April Music Team meeting. A list of songs was mentioned as possibilities for next year's show.

Jack Day gave a report on Membership Development. He emphasized that May was the ideal time to make a push to get new members to join, as the timing gives them the best chance successfully getting into the flow of the chapter's yearly activities. After some discussion, there was consensus that May 12<sup>th</sup> would be a better date than May 5<sup>th</sup> for our Guest Night.

- David Sims was presented to the board as a new member candidate. The board gave provisional approval, pending approval by the Music Team. MSC

Tom Uicker mentioned that the March treasurer's report was delivered to the board's mailboxes the previous week. The report showed a month-end balance of \$8,137.18. A budget proposal for the next year was discussed. There was some discussion about the timing of a budgeting process, with the decision that that activity should ideally take place in the fall (for the following year) rather than in the spring, when we are already well into the year. This idea was adopted – MSC.

- Regarding the "Standing Regs.", there has been some confusion about the yearly ASCAP fees for the show. One check sent in last year has not been cashed by ASCAP. Also, ASCAP has not yet published the fees that would apply to the 2008 show.
- Fees for the 2005 & 2006 shows have not yet been paid due to similar confusion. The amount for those two years should total \$222. Decision to pay the \$222 – MSC.
- The Standing Regs doc will be distributed to all board members by Tom.

John Balint reported that he would receive tickets for the Princess cruise show the following day. Ticket prices have gone up to \$54.50, largely due to fuel costs. Also, Shane Park in Birmingham has undergone budget cuts, and therefore will not be hiring the chorus for a show this year.

Dave M. reported on his contacts with the Great Lakes Sweet Adeline chorus for the possibility of doing a combined show next year. Initial discussions are underway; additional meetings are planned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31.

Respectfully submitted,  
David A. Beamer, Secretary