



Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

June 2008 Chapter Board Meeting – June 16, 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

Guests

Steve Sutherland
Fran Durham

Meeting called to order at 6:39.

Minutes for May 2008 meeting were read and approved. MSC (Thanks, Jim)

Jim Kunz and Steve Sutherland gave a verbal summary of the June Music Team meeting.

- The show at Nardin Park is scheduled for July 16th, and will be done in full show costume (cartoons characters, all). Looking for commitments from the chorus quartets (Today's Special, Nightshift, and Coda Honor) for the amount of their participation beyond what was done in the show.
- We should decide soon on whether we will be signing a contract with Storm Front to sing in our 2009 show.
- Venues for the 2009 show were discussed. In addition to Clarenceville, "Dondero" (Royal Oak Middle School), Birmingham Groves, and others were mentioned as possibilities. One thing that all these venues have in common is that we are not satisfied with the sound system in any of the halls. Discussed funding our own sound system.
- Discussed getting back to a semi-regular schedule of doing some vocal training for the chorus.

Tom Uicker mentioned that the May treasurer's report was delivered to the board's mailboxes the previous week. The report showed a month-end balance of \$3,317.87.

- There was \$981 in ticket sales for the boat, which was not net of what we owe.
- ASCAP fees paid thru 2007
- Nardin Park will bring us \$800 in income

John Balint – the show at Nardin Park is set for July 16th. John took photos of our scholarship winner, and distributed it to local papers.

Jack Day mentioned that he was disappointed at the responses to his contacting prospects for joining the chorus.

Fran continued the discussion of the various venue possibilities for the 2009 show, since he has been doing a lot of the legwork of contacting the various schools. None of the schools contacted so far has a full-time sound technician, so that it something we would have to decide how to handle.

- Royal Oak Middle School (Dondero) was ruled out.
- Birmingham Seaholm and Groves both have potential, but have pluses and minuses

Dave M. reported on his discussions with the Great Lakes Sweet Adeline chorus for the possibility of doing a combined show next year. The Sweet Ads seemed set on one particular venue (Warren Woods), which would not improve the patron base we are trying to reach. Dave mentioned his opinion, based on the various discussions, that we should go it alone – combining the groups into a single show would probably not be in DOC's best interest for a number of reasons. The decision to go it alone, and not pursue any further discussions with the Sweet Ads was MSC.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Note: During a break in a chorus rehearsal, probably in early June, there was an impromptu board meeting to formally vote on DOC's expenditures of a total of \$500 for the District's representatives at International. \$300 to the Mountaintown chorus, and \$100 each to the district representative Quartet (Wildcard) and College Quartet (Harmony 101). A quorum for the meeting was established, and after discussion, the motion was carried. I apologize that I do not have the documentation on what date that happened, or which board members were in attendance. When I come across my scribbled notes, I will update the minutes of a future meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
David A. Beamer, Secretary