



Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

September 2008 Chapter Board Meeting – Sept 18, 2008

Attendees

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

Guests

Steve Sutherland
Earl Berry
Fran Durham

Meeting called to order at 6:35.

Minutes for August 2008 meeting were read and approved. MSC

The August Treasurer's report showed a month-end balance of \$4,628. Other items:

- Proceeds from Entertainment Book sales were mentioned.
- Discussion to place an ad for our Feb. show in the show program of the Rochester chapter. They will place one in ours, and no money will change hands. (This is the same as has been done in past years.) MSC

Jim Kunz distributed a written report of the August Music Team meeting.

- Reviewed status of the show songs being learned. Still a lot of work to do in learning and then memorizing the show repertoire.
- Due to the "learning load", we may not add much in the way of additional Christmas music for our holiday singouts.
- Pluses and minuses of the various Christmas appearances (hospitals, Henry Ford) were discussed at length, including perhaps reorganizing how we approach them (dividing up the group, scheduling what time of the evening to sing where at a given site, etc.)
- Discussed possibilities for additional quartet performances at the show. Nothing settled yet.
- Preparation for contest songs was discussed
- "Industry Sings" possibility mentioned again

John Balint, VP Marketing:

- Still no final accounting from the Princess Cruise people. The chapter's continued interest in this endeavor (for next year) is uncertain, at least partly due to the significant financial concerns in fulfilling the *current* contract (for last summer).
- Chorus Christmas appearances at Beaumont and Providence are settled. Henry Ford possibility is not finalized yet.

Jack Day on Membership:

- Two more possible recruits are likely
- Ray Sturdy approved for membership
- (in relation to retaining “marginal” or “seasonal” members): It was recommended that we start working on Christmas songs at the Oct 27th meeting

Fran Durham gave a report on the status of discussions regarding the venue for the Feb. show.

- Fran reported approximate pricing from Thurston, which turned out to be almost double what Clarenceville’s fee structure has been
- Clarenceville’s fee structure is essentially unchanged from last year. In addition, they have upgraded their sound system (new PA speakers). Randy inspected the new setup and said it was an improvement.
- It was decided that we would stick with Clarenceville for this coming year.
- However, keeping in mind that there is a general agreement we should look towards moving our performance closer to our rehearsal area, other schools will be revisited in preparation for the 2010 show.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24.

Respectfully submitted,
David A. Beamer, Secretary