



Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

October 2008 Chapter Board Meeting – Oct 20, 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
George Bartlett
Mike Matson

Meeting called to order at 6:41.

Minutes for September 2008 meeting were read and approved. MSC

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

- Reviewed status of the show songs being learned. Most of the music has been taught, and a few of the tunes are on the way to being “off the paper”. Starting to work out the SP for the show tunes.
- Storm Front has been signed as the featured quartet for the February show. We have a bid out to Chordiology as a second quartet.
- After much research (thanks, Fran, Randy, and others), it was decided that we would stay with Clarenceville for the 2009 show. Their upgraded sound system – and reasonable price – played key roles in our decision. Moving to a different location for the 2010 show was not ruled out.
- It was agreed that the price for all tickets this time would be \$18.
- The performance at Henry Ford Village on Nov 16th is a paid show, so it deserves some forethought and planning.
- It was requested by the Music Team that any chapter quartet that wishes to sing on the upcoming show be able to perform for the chorus (and/or the Music Team) no later than Nov 24th, so that the line-up could be finalized.

The September Treasurer’s report showed a month-end balance of \$3,161. Other items:

- The General Fund currently has a negative balance. Deposits for uniforms are our main source of “money in the bank”.
- The Great Lakes chorus has asked for us to place an ad in their upcoming show program. As in the past, they will place an ad in our show program, and no money will change hands.
- Based on earlier discussions, it was requested that the various VPs present a planned budget for the 2009 expenses in their respective areas.

Jack Day on Membership:

- Reported that recruiting for the year looks to achieve about 80% of the original target.
- Projected net loss of 2-5 members for this year.
- (in relation to retaining “marginal” or “seasonal” members): The target date for starting to work on Christmas songs was moved back a week to the Nov 3rd meeting.
- Jack reported his statistics that the average member attendance is about 75%-80% of rehearsals and performances. It was noted that this figure should be kept in mind when giving verbal information during rehearsals – not all the members will receive the message.

John Balint, VP Marketing:

- A final accounting for the Princess Cruise shows was presented. The bottom line was that the sum total of the four boat trips netted DOC a total of \$688 dollars. John gave the details in a written report. To close the book on this year’s accounting, a payment of \$228 from DOC to the Grosse Pointe chapter was required. MSC.
- The chapter’s continued interest in this endeavor (for next year) is in doubt.
- Performance at Henry Ford Village was finalized, as were Christmas appearances at Greenfield Village and three area hospitals.
- Appearance at the “Industry Sings” Concert on April 26, 2009 is pending approval from the Music Team and the Board. The group running this concert wants to pick two songs for all the choruses to learn as a finale.
- An additional appearance at the Fox Run Senior Center has not been decided on.

Dave Montera summarized the Music Team’s discussions and decisions for staying with Clarenceville for the upcoming show.

- Other items noted are included in the report from Jim Kunz, see above.

Jim Kunz mentioned that he has asked the Pioneer District House of Delegates to shorten his planned two-year term as District President due to time constraints. The HoD agreed, and Brian Dunckel will be taking over a year early.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,
David A. Beamer, Secretary