



Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

November 2008 Chapter Board Meeting – Nov 17, 2008

Attendees

Jim Kunz – VP Music
David Beamer – Secretary
Tom Uicker – Treasurer
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
Ray Sturdy
Mike Matson

Meeting called to order at 6:31.

Jim Kunz presiding in Dave Montera's absence.

Minutes for October 2008 meeting were read and approved. MSC

Jack Day on Membership:

- Presented a written report recognizing the effect that the problems in the economy might have – on both recruiting new members, and retaining existing ones (esp. our retirees).
- Recommended a conditional approval of Jim Woodman for membership in the chapter, contingent on the Music Team's approval. MSC

Jim Kunz, October Music Team meeting

- Received a bid from Chordiology for appearing as the second quartet on our Feb. show. The bid from Chordiology (\$1,200 for both shows; no travel or lodging expenses) was discussed, and approved by a vote.
- Some discussion regarding concerns of spotty attendance of some of our members, and how that might adversely effect the quality of the Feb. show.
- There was also some discussion regarding whether and how to promote sing-a-longs when the chorus does singouts, or at our performances.

The October Treasurer's report showed a month-end balance of \$3,178. Other items:

- Tom handed out his "11+1" report spreadsheet, showing YTD and estimated upcoming income and expenses.

John Balint, VP Marketing:

- Dates of Christmas-related performances at Greenfield Village and three area hospitals were given.
- Possible additional appearance at the Fox Run Senior Center (on March 8) has not yet been decided on.

Randy Wright brought up the need to teach chapter members some basic selling skills, so that we could improve sales of both show tickets and program ads.

Finalizing the list of people who will be attending COTS in January.

Lou Stark brought up the idea of planning a joint performance with area schools (esp. the one where the year's scholarship recipient attends).

Meeting adjourned at 7:29.

Respectfully submitted,
David A. Beamer, Secretary