



Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

January 2009 Chapter Board Meeting – Jan 19, 2009

Attendees

Dave Montera – President
Jim Kunz – VP Music
David Beamer – Secretary
Mike Matson – Treasurer
George Burkett – VP Programs
Ray Sturdy – VP Membership
John Balint – VP Marketing
Lou Stark – At large
Randy Wright – At large
Will Power – At large
Herb Hebner – Immed. Past President

Guests

Steve Sutherland
Tom Uicker

Meeting called to order at 6:36

Minutes for December 2008 meeting were read and approved.

Motion: Ray Sturdy, Second: Herb Hebner. Carried

Jim Kunz, January Music Team meeting

- Reviewed the show preparation work plan. Key tasks remaining include: Developing the script, selecting an emcee, and selling tickets.
- Spring contest will probably consist of the same songs done last Fall (“Who’s Sorry Now” and “Sing Me That Song Again”), but the plan is to switch at least one of the songs for next Fall’s contest

The December / Year-end Treasurer’s report showed a year-end balance of \$6,718.98. Year-end General fund balance was \$1,996.40.

- Tom U. mentioned that the “Social Activities” fund had grown fairly large (\$13,593), while the operating fund was negative (<\$6,874>). Tom suggested that a transfer be made from the Social Activities fund to bring the operating fund up to zero.

Motion to transfer funds: Mike Matson, Second: Jim Kunz. Carried

- Tom mentioned the upcoming BMI and ASCAP fees for 2009.

John Balint, VP Marketing:

- John brought up the topic regarding advertising the show on WWJ (radio and website). We agreed to the cost of \$400 plus 16 free show tickets, which will buy us 30 live radio ads (15 seconds each), and a link on their website to ours.
- Trying to get a program ad from Providence Hospital (as in previous years), but no response yet.
- John will be distributing an information pack for publication in local newspapers. He will visit the following newspapers and companies: Observer & Eccentric, Mirror, Daily Tribune, C and G Newspapers, Livonia Observer

- Possible performance date at the Fox Run Senior Center are June 14, Aug. 7, and Sept 13. John noted that this is a paying job.
- Our Nardin Park performance will not happen this year – they do not have room for us on their calendar.

Ray Sturdy on Membership:

- Presented a written report. Included preliminary plans for a guest night on March 9th.
- Also presented a plan for “Craft Sessions”, which would be held at 6:30 on the 2nd and 4th (and/or 5th) Mondays of the month (so as to not conflict with Board and Music Team meetings). Initial concentration will be members on learning and becoming proficient on the polecat songs, with a goal of having men being able to hold their own parts in a quartet.

Bonding for the year 2009

After some discussion, it was decided that we would cover all current chapter members for the purposes of our bonding insurance coverage. This saves us the hassle of adding names later in the year as various members take on responsibilities related to the handling of chapter funds. Non-members included in the bonding are Sandy Northey and David B. Uicker.

Motion to bond all chapter members: Randy Wright, Second: Ray Sturdy. Carried

The list of members being bonded consists of all paid-up members currently on the chapter roster, which is attached, and included herein by reference.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33.

(Adjournment moved by Jim Kunz, seconded by David Beamer.)

Respectfully submitted,
David A. Beamer, Secretary