



## **Detroit-Oakland Chapter**

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

March 2009 Chapter Board Meeting – Mar 16, 2009

### Attendees

Dave Montera – President  
Jim Kunz – VP Music  
David Beamer – Secretary  
Mike Matson – Treasurer  
Ray Sturdy – VP Membership  
John Balint – VP Marketing  
George Burkett – VP Programs  
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 6:34

Minutes for February 2009 meeting were read and approved.

*Motion: Herb Hebner, Second: George Burkett. Carried*

Mike Matson, Treasurer:

- The February Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$6,709. This balance does not include final accounting for the February show.
- Income & expenses for the 2009 show were nearly finalized. As of now, the projected profit will be about \$6,765 – much better than we were anticipating.
- Tom Uicker is currently verifying uniform deposits against the list of uniforms outstanding. (The uniform deposit value being carried on the books is \$3,050, and is often our largest single fund balance.)

Jim Kunz, March Music Team meeting

- Distributed a written report from the March 2 meeting
- Spring 2009 contest readiness was briefly discussed. The sign-up sheets are a bit on the "light" side (fewer men than usual), due mostly to a couple of reasons: a) the fact that the contest is in Traverse makes a day trip difficult, and b) general economic conditions are making a longer overnight trip difficult for some of the men. However, it has been deemed that the list of men signed up for the show is sufficient to compete.
- Some discussion of the 2010 chapter show – theme: "The Great Outdoors"
  - Four Man Fishin' Tackle Choir is still "in business" and accepting invitations to perform at chapter shows. Jim has sent them a bid request.
  - A list of possible song selections for the show is being built and reviewed. More suggestions are welcome.
- We will be singing at Greenfield Presbyterian's Soup & Salad event on Fri Mar 6.

George Burkett, VP Programs

- Gave a brief written report mentioning the performance at Greenfield Presbyterian, the woodshedding contest being held by Pontiac-Waterford on March 27<sup>th</sup>, and complementing Ray S. on his progress with the budding program to get the men learning the polecat songs in rehearsals before the chapter meetings.

John Balint, VP Marketing:

- The June 14<sup>th</sup> date for our performance at the Fox Run Senior Center, has been confirmed, but the time has not.

Ray Sturdy on Membership:

- The updated Information booklet for guests was completed for Guest Night.
- Guest night was held March 9<sup>th</sup>. We have been getting about 6-7 visitors lately, a few being fairly regular.

In new business, Lou Stark suggested that we review (and improve) our marketing material, for example, the flyer for the show. Also the general topic of how we market ourselves better, both to our patrons (those who attend the show), and to men who would be good additions to the chorus. A wide-ranging discussion ensued for more than 20 minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28.

*(Motion: Jim Kunz, Second: Randy Wright.)*

Respectfully submitted,  
David A. Beamer, Secretary