



Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

April 2009 Chapter Board Meeting – Apr 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
John Northey
Earl Berry

Meeting called to order at 6:35.

Minutes for March 2009 meeting were read and approved.

Motion: George Burkett, Second: Herb Hebner. Carried

John Balint, VP Marketing:

- Noted the upcoming 70th anniversary of the (original Detroit #1) chapter. There was a brief discussion noting some of the historical importance of local events on the national Society. Perhaps this event should be highlighted somehow?

George Burkett, VP Programs

- Gave a written report summarizing upcoming local events, including the Monroe and Wayne chapter shows, and the Windsor Sendoff show.
- DOC has one more performance of our 2009 show coming up on June 14th at Fox Run.
- As was mentioned at the April district convention, there will be no “Slamkafest” (aka the Harmony Hideaway Happening) this year due to the fact that Jack and Kitty Slamka are moving to Florida.

Ray Sturdy on Membership:

- Mentioned two guests who have been coming somewhat regularly: Rudy Vuckov and Larry Bliss.
- Commented on the possibility of DOC’s participation in local church services during the summer, when church choirs typically do not meet.

Mike Matson, Treasurer:

- The March Treasurer’s report showed a balance of \$7,779.92.
- Income & expenses for the 2009 show are essentially final, yielding a profit of \$6,697.
- Recommended that 10% of the show profits be set aside as part of our charitable contributions, which is per our chapter’s Standing Regulations.

Jim Kunz, April Music Team meeting

- A list of possible song selections for the 2010 chapter show is getting narrowed down.
- Four Man Fishin' Tackle Choir responded to our bid request for the 2010 show. Their bid was \$1,950.
 - It was not quite clear from the language of the contract whether their expenses are included in that number, but we believe they are.
 - Based on that assumption, the board decided to accept the bid with two codicils: 1) clarify the language regarding expenses, and 2) add language that says we expect them to perform no fewer than seven songs on the show. *Motion: Jim Kunz, Second: Will Power. Carried*

Dave Montera gave a summary of some of the highlights of the meeting of the District's House of Delegates (HOD) meeting.

- DOC received a Silver certificate for our level of giving to the Harmony Foundation.
- The HOD voted on and approved the purchase of "chorus champions" pins to be awarded each year to the members of the District's champion chorus.
- Bill Biffle (President of BHS and Guest at the District convention) talked about membership, and their finding that retention, not recruitment, is the biggest problem facing the Society at the national/Society level.
 - How does this data compare with DOC records?
- The Windsor Sendoff show was mentioned at the HOD meeting.

Steve S. recommended that DOC move its website from harmonize.com to a privately hosted site. This would give us more control and security over the content of our site, with only a nominal cost. Moving the website to a separate server was approved. *Motion: Randy Wright, Second: Ray Sturdy. Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

(Motion: Jim Kunz, Second: Ray Sturdy.)

Respectfully submitted,
David A. Beamer, Secretary