



## **Detroit-Oakland Chapter**

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

August 2009 Chapter Board Meeting – Aug 17, 2009

### Attendees

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

### Guests

Steve Sutherland

Meeting called to order at 6:33.

Minutes for July 2009 meeting were read and approved, with one minor correction. The section starting with “Discussion of Steve’s offer...” should have been under New Business

*Motion: John Balint, Second: George Burkett. Carried*

George Burkett, VP Programs

- Provided written report
- Noted the new dates for the “American Harmony” movie

Jim Kunz, VP Music

- There was no written report from the August Music Team meeting, which included discussions of readiness for the Fall contest and the February show
- Mentioned some possibilities for coaching, but also noted that the chapter currently does not have sufficient budget for this
- Waiting for a bid from Lunch Break to be a second quartet for the Feb. show
- There was some discussion regarding how to handle difficult conversations with someone who is just not making the grade musically. (Poor ear, not being able to match pitches reliably) It was an uncomfortable situation for all involved.

Mike Matson, Treasurer:

- The June Treasurer’s report showed a balance of \$7,108.38. The Operating Fund had a negative balance of <\$2,039.51>. Mentioned several specific expenses coming up.
- Proposal to pay upcoming August expenses.

*Motion: Jim Kunz, Second: Ray Sturdy. Carried*

- Noted that we need to get clarification on whether we’re paid up to the Society for the rights to perform “I Wonder If We’ll Ever Meet Again”.

Ray Sturdy, VP Membership:

- Holding an application for membership transfer for Eric Van Poucker.  
*Motion to approve: Ray Sturdy, Second: Jim Kunz. Carried*
- Holding an application from Dave Adams, pending a music audition

John Balint, VP Marketing

- No report

#### Old Business

Dave M. requested again that all VPs (or any board members with responsibilities that involve expenses) are being asked to submit budget figures for calendar year 2010. Suggested a deadline of Sept. 7 (to get the figures to Dave M. and/or Mike M.)

Some discussion of regarding possibilities for funding for uniforms. Dave M. suggested the formation of a committee to explore alternatives.

#### New Business

It is time once again to form a Nominating Committee for the purpose of election of board members for 2010. The vote must occur by Oct. 15 according to Society bylaws, and notice must be provided to the membership two weeks before the election.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28.

*(Motion: Jim Kunz, Second: George Burkett.)*

Respectfully submitted,  
David A. Beamer, Secretary