



## **Detroit-Oakland Chapter**

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

October 2009 Chapter Board Meeting – Oct 19, 2009

### Attendees

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

### Guests

Steve Sutherland  
Earl Berry  
Tom Uicker

Meeting called to order at 6:31.

Minutes for September 2009 meeting were read and approved.

*Motion: John Balint, Second: Ray Sturdy. Carried*

Ray Sturdy, VP Membership:

- November Guest night tentatively scheduled for Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, but Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> was chosen as a better date. Looking to get invitation letters out to several men who have visited or shown interest.
- Mike M. will invite the recipients of our recent scholarships to the Guest night.

John Balint, VP Marketing

- Received a letter from Greenfield Village, giving us a number of dates to choose from. We thought that it would be good to ask the membership as to their preferences.
- Possible performance opportunity at the United Methodist Church in Berkley in a “dinner-type atmosphere”. It would be a paid performance – two weeks after the Feb. show is a suggested date.
- Making calls to our usual list of hospitals for scheduling Christmas caroling.
- There are possibilities for mall appearances.

George Burkett, VP Programs

- Provided written report listing upcoming events.
- Mentioned the upcoming Canada Night, and the American Harmony movie.
- Leadership Academy (aka COTS) for all officers coming up on Saturday Jan 9, 2010. Signup is available on the district website. The schedule is a bit different than previous years, with the intent of having all the “official” sessions on Saturday. Dave M. mentioned some of the faculty which has been lined up for the LA.
- COIN / Ladies Night is scheduled for Friday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> at Red Run. Chapter officers for 2010 will be officially installed.

Jim Kunz, VP Music

- Written report from the October 5<sup>th</sup> Music Team meeting, which included discussions of readiness for the Fall contest and the February show
- Also mentioned the judges' evaluation sessions we received after the contest. The recordings of the eval. sessions are available on the DOC website.
- Agreement with Lunch Break has been finalized (via email), but the contract has not yet been signed.
- There is still a need for bringing in some help in the form of external coaching.
- Ken Casey is interested in acting as emcee for the Feb. show.
- A bit of concern was mentioned about having "too many" chapter quartets in the Feb. show, but primarily as a timing issue.

Mike Matson, Treasurer:

- The September Treasurer's report showed a month-end balance of \$7,330.17. The Operating Fund had a negative balance of <\$717.24>. Entertainment books are still making up a good portion of the current cash flow. And according to Mike, "we are doing OK" financially, at present.
- Mentioned some specific expenses coming up, including the quarterly rent payment.
- Proposal to pay the month's expenses coming up for October, as listed in the documentation Mike provided. (Total of \$2,048)

*Motion: Jim Kunz, Second: John Balint. Carried*

- Brief explanation from Tom U. regarding the adjustment of payments for pictures taken at the contest.
- Proposal to transfer \$1,250 from account 360 to 100 to cover upcoming October expenses.  
*Motion: Jim Kunz, Second: George Burkett. Carried*
- Some discussion of the contents of the show flyer – it's open for adjustment, but time is running short, since we aim to get them into the mail by about Thanksgiving.
- Question raised regarding the process (and cost) of generating the actual tickets for the upcoming show. Mike M. said that he could do them again this year, but no formal decision was made.

#### Old Business

- Mike is continuing to work on pulling together a plan for budget and expenses for all categories. He is shooting for the end of October to finish it up and get it out to the board.
- Earl Berry explained the specifics of issues around the cost of Canada Night, specifically the caterer (who raised his price), and the fact that the cost of the beer is not included in his raised price. In addition, the caterer does not have a liquor license (which is news to us). A possibility was raised that DOC could get our own liquor license and sell the beer ourselves. At this point, meeting time ran out...

Meeting adjourned at 7:31, with the note that there will be further discussion on the issue of selling of the beer at the Canada Night dinner.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
David A. Beamer, Secretary