



Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

November 2009 Chapter Board Meeting – Nov. 16, 2009

Attendees

Dave Montera – President
Jim Kunz – VP Music
Mike Matson – Treasurer
David Beamer – Secretary
Ray Sturdy – VP Membership
John Balint – VP Marketing
Lou Stark – At large

Guests

Steve Sutherland
Earl Berry
Tom Uicker

Meeting called to order at 6:33.

Minutes for October 2009 meeting were read and approved.

Motion: Jim Kunz, Second: Mike Matson. Carried

Jim Kunz, VP Music

- Written report from the November 2nd Music Team meeting, which included noting results from the Fall contest and short discussion of readiness of the February show. Falling behind a little in the plan for getting off the paper for the show songs.
- Reviewed the Show Work Plan
- Contract with Lunch Break has been finalized and signed by us, but not yet by them.
- Five chapter quartets are scheduled for the Feb. show.
- There is still a need for bringing in some help in the form of external coaching.

John Balint, VP Marketing

- Received confirmation of the Dec 4th date from Greenfield Village, although the full packet of materials (including tickets and waivers) has not yet been received.
- Wrestling with the “Industry Sings” performance – whether or not to participate. We will consider it as long as we don’t have to learn any new music.

Ray Sturdy, VP Membership:

- November Guest night scheduled for Nov 16th. The agenda for Guest night was distributed.
- Ray refreshed the Guest Books (music binders).
- Updated attendance data was distributed via email.
- Some discussion of membership policy, e.g. whether or not chapter membership is required to sing on the annual show, or even for regular weekly participation in the chapter.

Mike Matson, Treasurer:

- The September Treasurer’s report showed a month-end balance of \$6,096.81. The Operating Fund had a negative balance of <\$916.26>. Went over the contents of the report as usual.
- Mentioned some specific expenses coming up.

- Details of Canada Night expenses were discussed, including the planned Harmony Foundation donation based on the income from the function.
- Proposal to pay the month's expenses coming up for November (and some in December), as listed in the documentation Mike provided.
Motion: Ray Sturdy, Second: David Beamer. Carried
- Proposal to transfer \$750 from account 360 to 100 to cover upcoming November expenses.
Motion: Ray Sturdy, Second: Jim Kunz. Carried
- Some discussion of 2010 Budget forecast. As of now, the budget has a roughly \$3,000 deficit for the next calendar year.
- Question whether there are notes that will help us compare the figures from 2009 with the 2010 budget. Differences can be mostly accounted for by the fact that Mike has classified various expenses differently than past budgets, but Mike said he'd try to come up with some explanatory notes.

Comments from Earl Berry on Canada Night

- "Canada Night was a disaster". There were insufficient numbers of DOC members to both man the various business tables and form a respectable mini-chorus.
- Total attendance was 78, down from 105 last year.
- The quality of the food was definitely not up to par. Earl will follow up with the caterer to complain.
- General discussion on how to improve attendance at this annual function.

Old Business

- Tickets for the show were set at \$18. A surcharge for credit card sales was discussed and ultimately rejected during discussion (without a motion).
Motion: Jim Kunz, Second: David Beamer. Carried
- A discount for groups was discussed, with the resulting motion being a \$2 discount for groups of 20 or more. This does not include any future arrangements for separate discussions of other discounts, such as coupons.
Motion: Jim Kunz, Second: Lou Stark. Carried

New Business

- Dave Montera brought up the "Chapter Connect" letter from the Harmony Foundation. The Society is asking for DOC to join the Chapter Connect, which (based on our historical level of giving to the Foundation) would not involve an increase of expense for us.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27.

(Motion: Jim Kunz, Second: David Beamer.)

Respectfully submitted,
David A. Beamer, Secretary