

Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

January 2010 Chapter Board Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2010

Board Attendees

Jim Kunz – VP Music & Performance
Ray Sturdy – VP Membership & Chapter Development
George Burkett – VP Programs
John Balint – VP Marketing & PR
Eric VanPoucker – Secretary
Mike Matson – Treasurer
Joe DeSantis – At large
David Kemp – At large
Lou Stark – At large
Herb Hebner – Immediate Past President

Guests

David Beamer
Steve Sutherland

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes for the regular December 2009 monthly board meeting were read and approved with the following correction: Under the report by Ray Sturdy, the sentence “ It is the same paperwork as what we did for the picnic” should read: “It is the same paperwork as what we did for Canada Night.”

Motion to accept minutes as corrected: John Balint, Second: George Burkett. Motion carried.

Jim Kunz, VP Music & Performance

- Jim reviewed the written report from the January 4, 2010 Music Team meeting, which concentrated on show planning.
- Sue Gleason will be here again this week and will be working on developing the SP for the remaining songs.
- The outstanding task at this time is getting the song sequence script developed. Jim has a draft that he will be providing to Sue, Steve, and Herb at tonight’s rehearsal.
- We have a dress rehearsal scheduled for January 23, 2010 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the church.
- Selling of tickets for our annual show is of concern. We need to encourage our singers to sell more tickets.
- Our approach for providing targeted vocal instruction to our members seems to be going well and has been well-received.
- We are planning on featuring gold medal quartet songs in our 2011 show.

John Balint, VP Marketing and PR

- We had some nice publicity recently in the Eccentric family of newspapers.
- Discussion took place regarding the WWJ radio promotion for last year’s show and if we should continue with it again this year. John will investigate a cost for this year’s radio promotion.

- We have an opportunity to sing at the United Methodist Church in Berkley on March 13th or 20th. This is a paying performance, approximately \$400 - \$500. Discussion took place regarding the date for our performance. It was decided to perform on Saturday, March 13, 2010.
- Providence Hospital will pay us \$100 for an ad in our performance program.
- John has contacted Greenfield Village for an ad, but has not yet heard back from them.

George Burkett, Program Activities

- George reported that he attended the January 2010 Leadership Academy and will share with John some of the ideas shared at the academy regarding additional ways to advertise our chapter.

Ray Sturdy, Membership & Chapter Development

- Proposal to accept the application of Roger Boyer for membership into our chapter.
Motion to accept: Ray Sturdy, Second: David Kemp. Motion carried.
- Discussion took place regarding the date for our next Guest Night. It was decided to have our next Guest Night on Monday, March 15, 2010.

Mike Matson, Treasurer

- Summary of Gross Receipts showed a net disbursement of \$2,180.22 over receipts taken in for 2009.
- We currently have \$4,538.76 in the bank, much of which is in Uniform Deposits and other money set aside for the Harmony Foundation and other charities.
- A 2009 summary of gross receipts was provided to be used as a guide for developing a 2010 Budget. Department heads were asked to review the summary in order to vote on a 2010 Budget at the February Board Meeting.

New Business

- **Bonding for the year 2010**
After discussion, it was decided that we would cover all current chapter members on the chapter roster as of 01/19/2010 (see attached list) for the purposes of our bonding insurance coverage. Non-members included in the bonding are Sandy Northey and David B. Uicker, as they handle money for chapter activities.
Motion to accept the bonding proposal: Ray Sturdy; Second: Mike Matson. Motion carried.
- Discussion took place regarding the payment of BMI and ASCAP fees. Mike is waiting to hear back from the Pioneer District Treasurer regarding the completion of the BMI form. The ASCAP fees will be paid after the 2010 show.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm. (Moved by Eric VanPoucker, seconded by Ray Sturdy.)

Respectfully submitted,

Eric VanPoucker, Secretary

