

Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

March 2010 Chapter Board Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2010

Board Attendees

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

Guests

Steve Sutherland

President Montera called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes for the regular February 2010 monthly board meeting were read and approved with the following correction: Under the report by Mike Matson, the last bullet should have the budget year read “2010”.

Motion to accept minutes as corrected: Ray Sturdy; Second: Mike Matson. Motion carried.

Jim Kunz, VP Music & Performance

- Jim reported that there was no meeting held during the month of March. However, the Music Committee will be having a planning session sometime within the next two weeks. At this meeting, the committee will complete the repertoire for the 2011 Show.
- The theme of the 2011 Show will be a “Gold Medal Show”, concentrating on songs sung by gold medal performers.
- Discussion took place regarding the securing of a gold medal quartet for the 2011 Show.

John Balint, VP Marketing and PR

- John reported that we did not participate with CBS radio this year for our 2010 show due to the fact that the “Great Stuff Program” is no longer in existence. However, our 2010 Show did get listed on the “Things to Do for the Weekend” on the following radio stations: WJR, WOMC, WWJ, and one other station.
- We received a check for \$100.00 from Fox Run to complete the payment for the show we did last year.
- John asked that if any member has information regarding a paying performance for the chorus, please notify him with a contact number and he will make the needed call.
- Ray Sturdy mentioned that Plymouth has a Fall Festival that we may be interested in pursuing. It is a non-paying performance, but we would get exposure which might help us recruit new members or guests.

Dave Montera (reporting for George Burkett), Program Activities

- George provided the board with a list of the upcoming events: March 26th – The Annual Pontiac-Waterford Woodshedding Contest in Pontiac; April 23rd-25th – Pioneer District Spring Convention in Kalamazoo; June 11th – The Windsor Send-Off Show; June 28th- July 4th – International Convention in Philadelphia; August 1-8th – Harmony University in St. Joseph, Missouri; and October 15th-17th – Pioneer District Fall Convention in Grand Rapids.
- It was suggested that the Program Chair pursue inter-chapter activities for future events, such as reviving the “Traveling Jug”. Ray Sturdy suggested that we have an inter-chapter visit with Paul Kaiser’s chapter sometime this summer.

Ray Sturdy, Membership & Chapter Development

- Ray reported on the Guest Night that took place on March 15, 2010. Four guests attended the evening event, along with a visiting quartet.

Mike Matson, Treasurer

- Mike discussed the February Treasurer’s Report and reported that we have \$7,766.76 in our account.
- Mike reported on the 2010 Show finances, discussing the number of tickets sold and the expenses for the show. The profit from the 2010 show was \$4,350.74, which was about \$2300.00 less than we budgeted.
- Mike presented the 2010 Budget, based on numbers that were provided by acting board members. The 2010 Budget is an approximately \$1800.00 debit budget. Mike mentioned that we will have to secure ways to bring in additional money into our budget, or discuss ways of cutting our budget. Discussion took place regarding adoption of the 2010 Budget and ways of securing additional monies for the 2010 Budget.

Motion to approve the 2010 Budget: Jim Kunz; Second: John Balint. Motion carried.

New Business

- Dave Montera reported that he will form a committee to discuss new options for our 2011 show, such as: 1) A matinee show instead of a two night show; 2) A different date; and 3) The development a survey for our patrons regarding the 2010 Show. Dave asked the board members to provide him with suggestions for questions to be included on the survey. He also asked for suggestions on what board members would like to see regarding changes to the 2011 Show.
- Steve Sutherland reported that he is retiring from teaching at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. He also mentioned that he will not be moving to Northern Michigan.

Motion to adjourn: John Balint; Second: Jim Kunz. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric VanPoucker, Secretary

