

# Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

November 2010 Chapter Board Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2010

## Board Attendees

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

## Guests

Steve Sutherland

**President Montera called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.**

Minutes for the regular October 2010 monthly board meeting were read and approved. ***Motion to accept minutes: Jim Kuntz; Second: John Balint. Motion carried.***

## Ray Sturdy, Membership & Chapter Development

- Nothing to report at this time.

## Jim Kunz, VP Music & Performance

- Jim reported that the Music Team had a meeting on Monday, November 8, 2010. Jim reviewed the following “Discussion Summary” of that meeting:
  - 1) Jim shared the progress of the songs that the chorus is learning to sing and memorize for the 2011 Show.
  - 2) All chapter quartets were to audition by November 1st in order to sing in our annual show. Night Shift, Today’s Special, and MetroChords have done so.
  - 3) Jim noted that our contract with Vocal Spectrum is in the last stages of being finalized re: an expense cap.
  - 4) Two singing evaluations have been performed by Dave Beamer: one is recommended for membership, Greg Papp, (after the application is completed and received) and the other is recommended for deferral, Glenn Miller, i.e., to be paired with a “buddy” (George Bartlett) in order to become more comfortable and confident with the music.
  - 5) The Music Team will schedule an off-site meeting with Pete Peters (2011 Program VP) and Ray Sturdy to revise our plan and approach for our 2011 weekly meetings.
  - 7) The Music Team will plan to continue to use Carl Dahlke as our coach, an average of once every three weeks (@\$50/night). (The coaching sessions will likely change in number during the summer months and rehearsals before chorus contests.)
  - 8) The Music Team reviewed an updated show work plan and preliminary show budget provided by Dave Montera.
  - 9) The contract with Clarenceville High School for the site of our 2011 Annual Show has been signed and sent in, along with a deposit.

### Mike Matson, Treasurer

- Mike reported that we have an end of the month Grand Total of \$7,787.92 in the Funds Available account, and of that amount, \$3,979.18 is in the operating funds.

### John Balint, VP Marketing and PR

- John announced that we received confirmation from Greenfield Village to sing on December 4, 2010. Once again we will receive two free tickets per person performing. We also received a waiver (to be signed by a Board member) that will cover the chorus performers. ***It was moved by Ray Sturdy; seconded by Dave Kemp, to approve the signing of the waiver on behalf of the Detroit-Oakland Chorus members. Motion carried.***
- The chorus has a confirmed date (December 21, 2010) to sing Christmas Carols at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.
- John presented a list of Senior Centers that he has sent a letter to re: our 2011 Annual Show. He will also send a follow-up announcement with a copy of our 2011 show flyer.

### Old/New Business

- Dave Montera discussed the following items:
  - 1) He reviewed our most recent Canada Night, mentioning that it was a great success.
  - 2) He and Jim Kunz are finalizing plans for our C.O.I.N (Chapter Officers Installation Night) evening. The tentative date is Friday, January 7, 2011.
  - 3) He will be distributing to the membership ballots for the 2010 Barbershopper of the Year.
  - 4) He and Herb Hebner discussed the possible set decorations for the 2011 Annual Show (an enlarged Society logo and an enlarged gold medal trophy).
  - 5) Dave announced that the printed tickets for the 2011 Annual Show were to be delivered to Tom Uicker today. The Board discussed the proper distribution of tickets to be sold by the Northville students and those to be sold by each chapter member.
- Michael Matson reported that the doorbell we use here at the church may need to be replaced if the present one cannot be repaired. It was suggested that we remind the membership to not rattle the locked doors and to have a few mobile phone numbers to call if you need to be let into the church.

***Motion to adjourn: David Kemp; Second: Jim Kunz. Motion carried.***

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric VanPoucker, Secretary