

# Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

October 2010 Chapter Board Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2010

## **Board Attendees**

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

## **Guests**

Steve Sutherland

**Jim Kuntz called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.**

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

Minutes for the Special Chapter Board Meeting held on March 29, 2010 (re: nomination of Steve Sutherland into the Pioneer District Hall of Fame) were read and approved. ***Motion to accept minutes: Herb Hebner; Second: George Burkett. Motion carried.***

Minutes for the Special Chapter Board Meeting held on September 27, 2010 (re: application to the MLCC for a special license for Canada Night, November 5, 2010 and the Performance Afterglow, February 19, 2011) were read and approved. ***Motion to accept minutes: Ray Sturdy; Second: Herb Hebner. Motion carried.***

## **Ray Sturdy, Membership & Chapter Development**

- Discussion took place re: the needed updating of our “Guest Information Booklet”. Steve volunteered to work on this project.
- Ray will contact past singers who joined us in our 2009 Christmas caroling and see if they are interested in participating again this year.
- Ray mentioned that he will be contacting members who have not recently attended our chapter meetings.

## **Jim Kunz, VP Music & Performance**

- Jim reported that the Music Team had a meeting on Monday, October 4, 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) Jim mentioned that we received confirmation from Back Beat to participate in our 2011 Annual Show. The Chapter will offer them a Society standard contract, with a addendum re: the special ticket sales incentive.
  - 3) Jim noted that our contract with Vocal Spectrum is in the last stages of being finalized.
  - 4) Jim shared that Doran McTaggart has accepted our offer to serve as our emcee for the 2011 Show.

- 5) Jim announced that Herb Hebner is continuing to work on a list of items that need to be addressed with our new members.
- 6) Jim shared that the “Compellingly Attractive Chapter Meetings” seminar in Okemos was an excellent session. Jim and Steve will develop a summary recap for discussion by the Music Team. In addition, the Music Team will be working with our 2011 Program VP to incorporate some of the “Compellingly Attractive” ideas into our chapter meetings.
- 7) Jim mentioned that the Music Team reviewed the first draft of the annual show work plan.
- 8) Jim reviewed the results of our participation in the 2010 Fall Convention contest and the special evaluation session that took place afterwards.

#### **Mike Matson, Treasurer**

- Mike reported that we have an end of the month Grand Total of \$8,711.15 in the Funds Available account, and of that amount, \$4,936.19 is in the operating funds.

#### **John Balint, VP Marketing and PR**

- John announced that we have tentative dates for Christmas Caroling at Providence Hospital in Southfield (December 15, 2010) and Providence Hospital in Novi (December 17, 2010). (John has not yet been able to contact the representative for Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, but will continue to do so.)
- Greenfield Village sent us a letter asking us to sing again this year in December. After discussion, the Board chose December 4, 2010 as the date of participation for our chorus. John will inquire if we can be paid for participating in this event.

#### **George Burkett, Program Activities**

- George announced that chapter elections will take place on Monday, October 25, 2010.
- George announced that information regarding the convention registration and hotel reservations for the 2011 Spring Convention is on the web site.

#### **Old/New Business**

- Jim announced that Steve Sutherland was awarded the 2010 Pioneer District Hall of Fame Award at the 2010 Fall Convention.
- Steve mentioned that Carl Dahlke would like to continue to work with us as a coach for our chapter chorus. After discussion, it was decided that the Music Team will discuss this further and recommend to the Board a fee amount to be paid to Carl for his coaching services.

***Motion to adjourn: Herb Hebner; Second: George Burkett. Motion carried.***

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric VanPoucker, Secretary

