

Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

September 2010 Chapter Board Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2010

Board Attendees

Dave Montera – President
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
David Kemp – At large
Lou Stark – At large

Guests

Steve Sutherland
Earl Berry

Dave Montera called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

Minutes for the regular August 2010 monthly board meeting were read and approved.

Motion to accept minutes: Ray Sturdy; Second: Michael Matson. 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, September 13, 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 the High School ensemble from Northville is interested in our offer to perform at our 2011 Show. (The ensemble is the group we sponsored at the Harmony Explosion Camp at CMU in August, 2010.)
 - 3) Jim noted that our contract with Vocal Spectrum is in the last stages of being finalized.
 - 4) Jim shared that Doran McTaggart has been contacted by email regarding his availability and willingness to serve as our emcee for the 2011 Show. Doran will also be contacted by phone.
 - 5) Jim announced that the Music team has asked all quartets interested in performing for the 2011 Show to audition the song they plan to perform by November 1, 2010.
 - 6) Jim announced that Herb Hebner will pull together and highlight items that need to be addressed with our new members. The Music Team suggested that we update our Guest Booklet, and possibly use that as a starting point for orientation.
 - 7) Jim noted that under the item of “Coaching”, it was recommended by the Music Team that the Board approve the following item: ***We shall reimburse Carl Dahlke for his 2011 Fall Pioneer District Convention registration in Grand Rapids along with one night’s lodging. Moved by Jim Kuntz;***

Second: Ray Sturdy. (Carl has been coaching the chorus on our 2010 Fall Convention contest songs, along with the directing of one of our 2011 Show songs.)

8) Jim mentioned that three chapter members have expressed an interest in attending the CACM session to be held on September 25, 2010 in Okemos. Dave Montera will announce to the membership that we have the ability to sponsor three more members who may be interested in attending the session.

Mike Matson, Treasurer

- Mike reported that we have an end of the month Grand Total of \$10,292.12 in the Funds Available account, and of that amount, \$4,218.97 is in the operating funds.
- Mike mentioned that the Entertainment Book sales will provide a 20% profit for each book sold.

John Balint, VP Marketing and PR

- John received a \$150.00 check for the final payment of our June 26, 2010 performance at the Heritage Village in Warren, MI.
- John received requests from the following chapters for the placement of an ad in their show programs: Rochester; Great Lakes Chorus/Guardians of Harmony; and Spirit of Detroit. ***It was moved by Dave Kemp that we place a half page ad (announcing our 2011 Show) in each show program. Second: George Burkett. Motion carried.*** John and Dave Montera will contact Tom Uicker to help develop the ad for the show programs.
- Eric VanPoucker shared that Kohl's department stores offer employee assistance and monetary assistance to non-profit organizations through their "Kohl's Cares" program. Ray Sturdy has knowledge of this program and will provide the details to John for future participation.

George Burkett, Program Activities

- George mentioned the Pioneer District workshop to be held in Okemos on September 25, 2010 and provided handouts with more detailed information regarding the workshop.
- George announced that chapter elections will take place sometime in October (date to be determined by the Board).
- George reviewed the information regarding the "early-bird" pricing of the convention registration and hotel reservations.
- George announced that Canada Night will be held at St. Aidan's Hall in Livonia on Friday, November 5th. We will be hosting the Sun Parlor Chorus from Windsor.

Old/New Business

- Annual Membership Meeting and Elections - Dave Montera is in the process of finalizing a slate of officers and an Elections Committee to help run elections for our 2011 Chapter Officers. Once this is completed, a date will be set for the meeting and elections.
- Steve Sutherland and George Burkett shared an email from Jerry Ditto regarding important scheduling information about the 2010 Fall Convention. Due to the unique scheduling of events and rehearsal locations, it was decided that the Board will encourage the membership to approve the use of a shuttle bus for travel between hotel and competition venues.
- Jim Kunz discussed the possibility of having a Hospitality Suite sponsored by DOC for the 2010 Fall Convention. After discussion by the Board, Ray Sturdy volunteered to investigate this matter further.
- Dave Montera discussed the performance fee to be paid to the High School ensemble from Northville, if they choose to perform in our 2011 Show. After Board discussion, ***it was moved by Dave Kemp that***

we provide a payment of \$600.00, along with a \$5.00 “kick-back” for each ticket sold by members of the High School ensemble. Second: Michael Matson. Motion carried.

- Dave Montera reported that he attended the informational session with Lesia Beley from the Metasoft Systems regarding assistance in securing grant monies for the chapter. The Foundation Manger Program that was presented is an excellent resource. However, the fee for participating in the program (\$5,000) is too expensive for our chapter. Therefore, at this time, we will have to seek help elsewhere for the writing and securing of grant monies.

Motion to adjourn: Jim Kunz; Second: Ray Sturdy. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric VanPoucker, Secretary