

Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

August 2011 Chapter Board Meeting Minutes – August 15, 2011

Board Attendees

Dave Montera – President
Ray Sturdy – VP Membership & Chapter Development
Jim Kunz – VP Music & Performance
John Balint – VP Marketing and PR
Eric VanPoucker – Secretary
Lou Stark – At large
Herb Hebner – Immediate Past President

Guests

Steve Sutherland

Dave Montera called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Minutes for the regular July 2011 monthly Board Meeting were read and approved.

Motion to accept minutes: Jim Kunz; Second: Ray Sturdy. Motion carried.

Jim Kunz, VP Music & Performance

- Jim reported that the Music Team met on August 1, 2011. He reviewed the following agenda items from that meeting:

2012 Show Planning: The Team reviewed the ten songs for the 2012 Annual Show and the progress the chorus has made in learning of these songs; 2) They discussed thoughts re: scenery, staging and overall show flow; 3) The Team reviewed the quartet bid solicitation from Hi Fidelity; ***(After discussion of the Hi Fidelity contract, Jim Kunz moved that we accept the contract and approve the \$1850.00 fee, along with airfare, four hotel rooms for two nights, and any other typical out-of-pocket expenses. Second: Ray Sturdy. Motion carried.)***; 4) The Team agreed to send a bid request to Prestige (our 2011 College Quartet champs from Bowling Green) to perform in the 2012 Annual Show; 5) The Team will begin developing a script scenario, but will need to know the quartet songs before proceeding; 6) The Team discussed having additional rehearsals to prepare for the fall contest, along with extending our Monday evening rehearsal time to 10:30 PM, beginning after Labor Day; ***(Jim Kunz moved that the Board approve up to three additional rehearsals leading up to contest, at the cost of \$25 per rehearsal, to be held at Starr Presbyterian Church. Second: Ray Sturdy. Motion carried.)***

John Balint, VP Program Activities

- John discussed our next chorus performance at the chapel in Henry Ford Village, to be held on Sunday, October 23, 2011. The Board agreed to call the performance, ***Here's To The Winners***. The performance will also include a few sing-along numbers for audience participation.

Ray Sturdy, Membership & Chapter Development

- Ray mentioned that we had a guest last week, Takashi Nakagawa.

Treasurer's Report (as reported by Dave Montera)

- Dave reported that we have an end of the month Grand Total of \$10,310.64 in the Funds Available account, and of that amount, \$3,341.78 is in the operating funds.
- Dave proposed that we pass a budget for the 2011 calendar year. ***Jim Kunz moved that we approve a budget for the 2011 calendar year that mirrors the 2010 Budget, to be revised as needed by Board resolutions. Second: John Balint. Motion carried.***

Old/New Business

- Dave Montera reviewed the grant writing proposals that have been presented to the Board thus far. ***After discussion, it was moved by Jim Kunz that we not pursue any grant writing proposals and to table the matter at this time. Second: Ray Sturdy. Motion carried.***
- Ray Sturdy presented a new uniform proposal to the Board. The uniform would be a cotton/polyester blend long sleeve shirt (red in color) with an embroidered chapter logo, at the cost of \$25 per shirt, purchased by each chorus member. After discussion, the Board recommended that Ray poll the chorus and find out if we should pursue this matter. If the chorus approves, the Board would like Ray to continue working on the new uniform proposal.
- Dave Montera presented information on the next CACM (Compellingly Attractive Chapter Meetings) program that will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2011. This program would be for those chorus members who are involved as section leaders, assistant directors, coaches, and program leaders. ***After discussion, it was moved by Jim Kunz that the Board approve the registration costs of up to six members (\$240.00) to attend the 2011 CACM program. Second: John Balint. Motion carried.***
- Steve Sutherland mentioned that the four track cassette recorder (used for making practice tapes) needed to be repaired at the cost of \$17.00 to the Chapter.
- Lou Stark suggested that our chorus members use our chapter brochures when selling tickets for our annual show. The brochures could also be used when securing ads for our annual show program.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric VanPoucker, Secretary