

Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

August 2012 Chapter Board Meeting Minutes – August 20, 2012

Board Attendees

Dave Montera - President
John Balint – VP Marketing and PR
Pete Peters – VP Programs
Mike Matson – Treasurer
Eric VanPoucker – Secretary
Joe DeSantis – At Large
Mike Schulte – At Large
Herb Hebner – Immediate Past President

Guests

Keith Opal
Lou Stark
Steve Sutherland

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

- Minutes for the regular July 23, 2012 Chapter Board Meeting were read and approved as corrected.
Motion to accept minutes: Pete Peters; Second: Mike Matson. Motion carried.

Jim Kunz, VP Music & Performance (Steve Sutherland reported for Jim Kuntz)

- Steve reported that the Music Team had a meeting on August 6, 2012. Steve shared a short summary of that meeting: 2013 Annual Show planning – The Music Team: a) recapped the status of the 2013 Show Songs; b) announced that quartet bids have been received from “Rooftop Rhythm” and “Full Throttle” and have agreed to sign the contract with “Full Throttle”; c) discussed the “in-house quartets” and the songs they will be performing; d) discussed the need to develop a script scenario; and e) reported that a decision needs to be made re: the formation of a “Chorus Ensemble”, their song, and a director.
- The Music Team discussed “Fall Contest” preparations regarding coaching, stage presence, chorus member expectations, having more sectionals and pre-meeting sessions, and a possibility of additional rehearsals.
- Steve reported that the Music Team reviewed the points from last month’s Music Team meeting re: the motion about “Religious/Spiritual Songs at the Annual Show and Afterglows” and suggested that the Board consider adoption of a revised policy similar to the following statement: “We sing before a diverse audience. As you assemble your repertoire for the show and afterglows, we would appreciate it if you refrain from choosing songs that would likely be perceived as proselytizing.”

John Balint, VP Marketing & PR

- John reported that we have a singing engagement at Henry Ford Village on Sunday, November 4, 2012.

Pete Peters, VP Programs

- Pete mentioned that he is still working on a final report for our 2012 Annual Picnic.

Mike Matson, Treasurer’s Report

- Mike reported that we have an end of the month Grand Total of \$10,288.24 in the Funds Available account, and of that amount, \$910.52 is in the Operating Funds.

Old/New Business

- Dave Montera announced that Clarenceville High School has reserved the dates of Thursday, February 14, 2013 for our Tech Rehearsal and Saturday, February 16, 2013 for our 2013 Annual Show. Dave will be acquiring the documents needed for a contract via the school district's on-line system.
- Dave Montera is continuing to ask Chapter members to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- Dave Montera reminded Board Officers that each "Chapter Officer's Job Description" is now due.
- Mike Matson announced that he has one volunteer for the Benevolence Fund Committee and is in the process of securing additional members.
- Dave Montera, along with Mike Matson, announced that the youth chorus, Northern Lights, is reforming and is in the process of gathering funds in order to compete in the 2013 Mid-Winter competition. **After discussion, it was moved by Pete Peters, second by John Balint, that we donate \$500.00 to the Northern Lights chorus. This money would be taken from the Other Charities fund. Motion carried.**
- Dave Montera began discussion on the motion made at a previous meeting re: "Religious/spiritual song performances by our featured quartets on the annual show and afterglows". After discussion, the motion was tabled with the following parameters: Joe DeSantis would create a motion that would address the issues discussed. In order to have Board input, Joe would have a draft of this motion circulated to the Board members within forty-eight hours. The Board would then hold a Special Meeting next week Monday in order to vote on the motion.

Motion to adjourn: Pete Peters; Second: Joe DeSantis. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric VanPoucker, Secretary