

Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

January 2012 Chapter Board Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2012

Board Attendees

Dave Montera - President
Jim Kunz – VP Music & Performance
John Balint – VP Marketing and PR
Roger Boyer – VP Membership & Chapter Development
Pete Peters – VP Programs
Mike Matson – Treasurer
Eric VanPoucker – Secretary
Joe DeSantis – At large
Dave Kemp – At large

Guests

Keith Opal
Lou Stark
Ray Sturdy
Steve Sutherland

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

- Minutes for the regular December 2011 monthly Chapter Board Meeting were read and approved.
Motion to accept minutes: Dave Kemp; Second: Roger Boyer. Motion carried.

Jim Kunz, VP Music & Performance

- Jim reported that the Music Team did not have a formal meeting in January. The Music Team's next scheduled meeting will primarily be about the planning of the 2012 Annual Show.
- Dave Montera reported that a Saturday rehearsal will take place on February 4, 2012 at the Salvation Army Headquarters in Southfield, Michigan. Dave will ask Earl Berry and Ray Sturdy to plan an afternoon meal for the rehearsal.

Pete Peters, VP Programs

- Pete reminded the Board of our next activity, "Uncle Sam Night", to be held in Windsor, Canada, on Friday, January 27, 2012.
- Pete mentioned that we are still in need of ushers for our two performances on Saturday, February 18, 2012. He will ask the chorus for help with finding additional ushers.

Roger Boyer, Membership & Chapter Development

- Roger presented the transfer application of Kevin Moriarty for consideration. After discussion, ***Roger Boyer moved, Second by Jim Kunz, that the Board accept the application of Kevin Moriarty into the Detroit-Oakland Chapter, contingent on a successful voice placement test and approval by the Music Team. Motion carried.***
- Roger will present the chorus with a guide for successful membership recruiting to be used with the guests at our 2012 Annual Show.
- Roger will be creating a Membership Committee to help create and expand the activities involved with Chorus Membership.
- Roger would like to create a Member Satisfaction Survey. After discussion, it was suggested that Roger meet with Jim Kunz, Pete Peters, and Steve Sutherland to help develop the survey.

- Roger would like to develop a “Guess Quartet” to help expand our membership quartet activities. After discussion, it was suggested that Roger meet with Herb Hebner and Pete Peters to help develop this quarteting activity.
- Roger would like to see the development of a “Detroit-Oakland Chapter Tag Team”. This Team would be involved with the teaching of “Tags” to guest members.

John Balint, VP Marketing & PR

- John reported that he and Steve Sutherland will be attending a meeting on January 24, 2012 re: the “Industry Sings” concert to be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012. John and Steve have some concerns re: our participation in this concert.
- John will begin sending out publicity for our 2012 Annual Show to the local, smaller newspapers.

Treasurer’s Report, Mike Matson

- Mike reported that we have an end of the month Grand Total of \$9,015.63 in the Funds Available account, and of that amount, \$2,773.24 is in the Operating Funds. Mike also reported that we ended 2011 with \$1,662.70 in net receipts over disbursements.
- Mike also provided a 2011 Summary of Gross Receipts for discussion. Mike asked Board Members to review the Summary in order adjust department budgets for 2012.
- Mike brought to the attention of the Board, the \$1,857.22 in our “Other Charities” account. After discussion, it was suggested that the Board develop a list of charities for the disbursement of these funds. Mike also suggested that a committee be formed to work on this endeavor.

Old/New Business

- Ray Sturdy sponsored the following motion for approval: ***the Detroit-Oakland Chapter here-by applies with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for a one day special license for the serving of beer/wine at the 2012 Annual Show Afterglow, to be held at St. Aidan’s Hall on Saturday, February 18, 2012. Motion to accept the application: John Balint; Second: Dave Kemp. Motion carried.***
- Bonding for the 2012 Chapter Year – After discussion, ***it was moved by Mike Matson, Second by Pete Peters, that we cover all chapter members on the 2012 Chapter Roster for the purposes of our bonding insurance coverage. Non-Members included in the bonding are Dottie McDermott, Sandy Northey, and Ronald J. Smith, as they handle money for Chapter activities. Motion carried.***
- Pete Peters asked the Board to decide on a date for our Annual Chapter Summer Picnic. After discussion, ***it was moved by Pete Peters, Second by Dave Kemp, that we secure July 16, 2012 (alternate date July 23, 2012) for our Annual Chapter Summer Picnic to be held at Boulan Park in Troy. Motion passed.***
- Mike Matson asked the Board to decide on the creation of a committee for the Chapter Benevolent Fund. After discussion, ***it was moved by Mike Matson, Second by Roger Boyer, that we form a three member committee to manage the Benevolent fund, with the Chapter President and Chapter Treasure serving as Ex-Official members. Motion carried.***
- Pete Peters provided an up-date on our ticket sales thus far for our 2012 Annual Show. After discussion, it was suggested that we encourage our members to visit other chapters to sell tickets, email the people on our contact lists, and post program flyers at places of employment.
- John Balint reminded Board members that each Chapter Officer’s Manual is due at the February 2012 Board Meeting.
- Dave Montera re-introduced the previous motion passed on February 21,2011, ***that the Music Team provide a written report to the Board re: the following information: 1) Three or more alternative venues for our Annual Show, listing seating capacity, costs, availability, and other pertinent***

information; and 2) Three or more alternative dates for our Annual show (including Spring and Fall dates). Dave told the Board that the Music Team would begin working on this motion.

Motion to adjourn: Jim Kunz; Second: Joe DeSantis. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric VanPoucker, Secretary