

Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

July 2012 Chapter Board Meeting Minutes – July 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
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 June 18, 2012 Chapter Board Meeting were read and approved.
Motion to accept minutes: Jim Kunz; Second: John Balint. Motion carried.

Jim Kunz, VP Music & Performance

- Jim reported that the Music Team had a meeting on July 9, 2012. Jim 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 bid solicitations have been sent to “Main Street” and “Full Throttle”; c) discussed the “in-house quartets” and the songs they will be performing; d) discussed the need to develop a script scenario; e) reported that a decision needs to be made re: the formation of a “Chorus Ensemble”, their song, and a director; f) agreed that vocal assessments should occur on a guest’s second or third visit.
- Board Direction to Assess motion re: Religious/Spiritual Songs at the Annual Show and Afterglow – Jim reported that the Music Team and Guests present, had some discussion re: the motion, but held off on any decisions until a later time.

John Balint, VP Marketing & PR

- John reported that he received a call from a company in Toronto, looking for a quartet to participate in the filming of a commercial. John forwarded the information to quartets to see if any were interested.
- Roger Boyer asked if John had heard from IKEA re: a store weekend singing engagement. John replied that he has had no response from the store.

Roger Boyer, VP Membership & Chapter Development

- Roger has recorded 101 tags in order to further his development of a “Chapter Tag Team”. Dave Montera suggested that Roger coordinate with Steve and Jim when choosing the appropriate Chapter Member voices for the “Tag Team”.
- Roger presented the draft of a poster which invites singers to come to our Chapter meetings. The poster would be posted in area stores and coffee houses.

- Roger suggested that we display lawn signs to advertise our Chapter. A discussion took place re: city ordinances with lawn signs. Dave Montera suggested that Roger survey the city code enforcement offices and see if lawn signs are an issue in any communities.
- Roger will investigate the development of a Facebook page for our Chapter.

Pete Peters, VP Programs

- Pete discussed the events of our 2012 Annual Picnic, that was held on July 16, 2012. Pete will also present a 2012 Annual Picnic report at our next Board meeting.
- Pete announced that he will be investigating a new venue for our 2013 Annual Picnic and will have a “new venue” presentation at a future Board meeting.

Treasurer’s Report, Mike Matson

- Mike reported that we have an end of the month Grand Total of \$11,265.57 in the Funds Available account, and of that amount, \$2,241.35 is in the Operating Funds.
- Dave Montera suggested that we start developing our next year’s budget in September.

Old/New Business

- Mike Matson is continuing to develop a committee for the Chapter Benevolent Fund.
- Dave Montera mentioned that a separate “Show Committee” is working on the Board approved item: “Alternative Show Venues and Dates”.
- Dave Montera reminded Board Officers that each “Chapter Officer’s Job Description” is now due.
- Dave distributed a 2013 Annual Show budget proposal for Board approval. **After discussion, it was moved by Jim Kunz, second by Pete Peters, that we approve the 2013 Annual Show Budget as presented. Motion carried.**
- Mike Matson mentioned that the Society is asking Chapters to make a donation to “Youth In Harmony”. It was agreed that the Board would table any motion on this matter until the next Board meeting.
- Dave Montera presented a short summary of the “Harmony Boot Camp” that was held on July 21, 2012.
- Due to time limits, it was decided that we table the motion re: “Religious/Spiritual Songs at Annual Shows and Afterglows”, until the next Board meeting.
- Pete Peters mentioned that each Board member should be grooming a replacement for their office if they plan to not run for re-election.

Motion to adjourn: Jim Kunz; Second: John Balint. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric VanPoucker, Secretary