

Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

May 2012 Chapter Board Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2012

Board Attendees

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

Guests

Lou Stark
Steve Sutherland

Dave Montera called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

- Minutes for the regular February 2012 Chapter Board Meeting were read and approved.
Motion to accept minutes: Dave Kemp; Second: Pete Peters. Motion carried.

Jim Kunz, VP Music & Performance

- Jim reported that the Music Team had a meeting on May 7, 2012. Jim shared a short summary of that meeting: 1) 2013 Annual Show planning – The Music Team: a) reviewed the songs for the 2013 “Doo-Wop” theme show; b) has developed learning tracks for the chapter members, along with the purchasing of new music; c) is working on a policy statement for participating Chapter quartets in the Annual Show and would like to reinstate a Chapter member octet for the 2013 Annual Show; 2) In preparation of the 2012 Fall Contest, our chorus will be learning some new choreography for the two songs we will be performing; and 3) The Music Team is finalizing the accounting of Carl Dahlke’s coaching fees, along with his 2012 Spring Contest fees.
- Jim announced that the Music Team approved the membership application of William O’Brien. Therefore, ***Jim Kunz moved the following motion: Having been approved by the Music Team, William O’Brien is recommended for membership into the Detroit-Oakland Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Second by Dave Kemp. Motion carried.***

John Balint, VP Marketing & PR

- John had no report at this time.

Pete Peters, VP Programs

- Pete mentioned that the 2012 Annual Picnic will be held on Monday, July 16, 2012 and that he will be contacting members for assistance.
- Pete also discussed the Windsor Send-Off Show fundraiser for our Pioneer District competing International quartet and chorus, to be held in Windsor, Ontario, on June 8, 2012.

Treasurer's Report, Mike Matson

- Mike reported that we have an end of the month Grand Total of \$12,166.74 in the Funds Available account, and of that amount, \$5,943.98 is in the Operating Funds.

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 members that each "Chapter Officer's Job Description" is now due.
- Dave Montera presented for discussion, a copy of the Budget report for the 2012 Annual Show. Dave also announced that he will have a 2013 Annual Show budget proposal for the Board at next month's meeting.
- Dave Montera announced that the annual audit of our books has been completed by Chapter member, Bob Schwab.
- Mike Matson announced that according to our Chapter policy, 10% of our Show Profit (\$550.04) will be made to the Harmony Foundation Fund.
- Dave Montera asked the Board Officers to create a 2012 Budget for their department and to present the Budget at the June 2012 Board meeting.
- After discussion, ***Jim Kunz moved, second by John Balint, that we donate \$300.00 to the competing 2012 Pioneer District International Chorus from Grand Rapids, and \$100.00 to the competing Quartet/Collegiate Quartet, Ebb and Flow. Motion passed.***
- ***John Balint moved, second by Pete Peters, that a \$50.00 donation be made to the Harmony Foundation, in memory of Alan Hansen, a previous Chapter member.***
- Mike Matson encouraged Board members to consider recipients for our monies in the "Other Charities" fund.
- Pete Peters urged Board members to encourage Chapter member attendance at the Harmony Boot Camp, to be held on Saturday, July 21, 2012.
- ***Eric VanPoucker moved the following motion, second by Jim Kuntz: That in accordance with the BHS Code of Ethics, we shall include in Annual Show performance contracts that quartets refrain from performing songs that contain any type of religious lyrics, including spirituals or other such music, during performances in the Annual Show and Afterglow. This motion will also pertain to our own DOC quartets.*** After discussion, it was decided to table this motion until the Music Team has an opportunity to discuss the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric VanPoucker, Secretary