

Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

Chapter Board Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2013

Board Attendees

Dave Montera – President
Jim Kunz – VP Music & Performance
John Balint – VP Marketing & PR
Gary Carpenter – VP Membership & Chapter Development
Mike Matson – Treasurer
Eric VanPoucker – Secretary
Roger Boyer – At large
Mike Schulte – At large

Guests

Michael Kramb
Keith Opal
Steve Sutherland
Terry Webner

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

- Minutes for the November 18, 2013 Chapter Board Meeting were read and approved as corrected.
Motion to accept minutes: John Balint; Second: Jim Kunz. Motion carried.

Jim Kunz, VP Music & Performance

- Jim Kunz reported that the Music Team held a meeting on December 9, 2013. Jim shared a short summary of that meeting:
 - 1) 2014 - 75th Annual Show planning** – The Music Team discussed: a) The Show work plan; b) The status of the contracts with Clarenceville High School, along with guest quartets Majestyx and Throwback; c) The need to audition Today's Special when Joe DeSantis is back and all quartet members are available; d) Determine the Show song sequence and develop a script; and e) Stressing the need of the chorus to sell tickets and show ads.
 - 2) 2015 Show Theme** – Joe DeSantis had suggested a working title of "A Spirited 76th", since the 2015 Show will be our 76th Annual Show. Joe was envisioning songs that provide a secular homage to our country. Steve Sutherland prepared possible songs in support of a theme based on city names. These two themes could be combined. The Music Team will most likely plan an off-site meeting to work through songs, validate learning tracks and discuss other necessary components of the show.
 - 2) Old Business** – The chorus will be performing at Nardin Park on July 9, 2014
 - 3) New Business** – The Music Team discussed the pros and cons of our current rehearsal space as well as other possible venues that could support our chorus and allow us to store our music, risers, trailer, etc.

Gary Carpenter, VP Membership & Chapter Development

- Roger Boyer reported that he is taking weekly attendance and will work on having rewards for perfect attendance. After discussion, it was decided that Roger's committee will develop guidelines for attendance rewards.

Mike Matson, Treasurer's Report

- Mike reported that we have an end of the month Grand Total of \$10,301.56 in the Funds Available account, and of that amount, \$4,529.72 is in the Operating Funds.

John Balint, VP Marketing & PR

- John reported that we have two paid performances scheduled thus far for 2014: Nardin Park on July 9th and Fox Run on March 9th.
- Starting January 1, 2014, John will start a publicity push in local newspapers for our 2014 Annual Show. (It was suggested that John check with Ray Sturdy, who has a relative that works for the Observer and Eccentric newspapers.)

Old/New Business

- Dave Montera will be working with Roger Boyer re: the reinstatement of "Barbershopper of the Month".
- Dave Montera reported that we have signed a contract with Clarenceville High School for our 2014 Annual Show. In addition, "Throwback" will be our headliner quartet, along with "Majestyx" as our local guest quartet.
- Keith Opal provided an update re: the 2014 Annual Show program ads.
- Mike Kramb shared a 2014 Singing Program to strengthen Chorus singing thru the use of Polecats.
- Dave Montera has asked that each Board member provide a tentative 2014 Budget by the January 2014 Board meeting.
- Jim Kunz announced that we have booked our COIN event for Friday, January 10, 2014 at the Red Run Golf Club. Jim has secured a band for that evening.
- After discussion, ***Jim Kunz moved, seconded by John Balint, that we donate \$800.00 to the Harmony Foundation. Motion carried.***
- After discussion, ***Jim Kunz moved, seconded by Roger Boyer, that we donate \$100.00 to the 2014 Senior Quartet Pioneer District representative to the Mid-Winter Convention. Motion carried.***
- After discussion, ***it was moved by Gary Carpenter, seconded by John Balint, that we use monies from the Benevolent Fund to pay for a Chorus Member that is in arrears with their membership registration. If the Chorus Member eventually pays back the Chapter, that money will be deposited into the Benevolent Fund. Motion carried.***
- Eric VanPoucker mentioned that the Chapter will pay for the registration of Chapter Officers for the Leadership Academy to be held on Saturday, January 11, 2014. Officers will need to complete their own registration for the event and then submit a bill for reimbursement.
- For those Chapter Officers who were leaving the Board, Dave Montera thanked them for their time and dedication to the Chapter during their term in office.

Motion to adjourn: Jim Kunz; Second by Mike Matson. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric VanPoucker, Secretary