

Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

Chapter Board Meeting Minutes - November 18, 2013

Board Attendees

Dave Montera – President
Jim Kunz – VP Music & Performance
Gary Carpenter – VP Membership & Chapter Development
Joe DeSantis – VP Programs
Mike Matson – Treasurer
Eric VanPoucker – Secretary
Mike Schulte – At large
Herb Hebner – Immediate Past President

Guests

Steve Sutherland
Keith Opal

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

- Minutes for the October 21, 2013 Chapter Board Meeting were read and approved. ***Motion to accept minutes: Jim Kunz; Second: Joe DeSantis. Motion carried.***

Jim Kunz, VP Music & Performance

- Jim Kunz reported that the Music Team held a meeting on November 4, 2013. Jim shared a short summary of that meeting:
 - 1) 2014 - 75th Annual Show planning** – The Music Team discussed: a) The progress of the chorus with the singing and memorization of songs for the Annual Show; b) Dave Montera is planning to sign a contract with Clarenceville High School for our Annual Show venue; c) As a local guest quartet, **Majestyx** has provided a quote for our Annual Show; d) Our second guest quartet, **Throwback**, has also provided a quote for the Annual Show; e) We need to have our chapter quartet auditions completed by the end of November, excepting **Today's Special**, due to Joe DeSantis' upcoming surgery; and f) Sue Gleason-Spires will be coming to our rehearsals to introduce SP for a few of our songs.
 - 2) Old Business** – The chorus will be performing at Nardin Park on July 9, 2014
 - 3) New Membership** – We are hoping to attract Ron Houser back to sing with us along with some potential members who sing Christmas carols with us in December. We hope to have Bob Hoge rejoin the chapter soon.
 - 4) New Business** – The Music Team: a) Will recommend to the Board that we approve a coaching fee of \$500 to Sue Gleason-Spires; b) Discussed a possible 2015 Annual Show theme, tentatively called "Spirited 76th", a secular anthem to our country; and c) Discussed several suggestions from Kevin Moriarty aimed at making our Monday rehearsals more productive and improving the performance of our "competition chorus".
- After discussion, ***Jim Kunz moved, seconded by Herb Hebner, that we approve a coaching fee payment of \$500.00 to Sue Gleason-Spires. Motion carried.***

Mike Matson, Treasurer's Report

- Mike reported that we have an end of the month Grand Total of \$10,681.83 in the Funds Available account, and of that amount, \$4,258.92 is in the Operating Funds.

Joe DeSantis, VP Programs

- Discussion took place re: the development of "Jug Night". Joe has asked Jim Kunz to help with this project.

Gary Carpenter, VP Membership & Chapter Development

- Gary has asked that chorus section captains assist with the updating of the chorus roster in order to have the most current information.

John Balint, VP Marketing & PR

- Dave Montera reported that John will need the exact number of Greenfield Village caroling participants in order to provide a wristband for each singer and one guest ticket.

Old/New Business

- Dave Montera and Gary Carpenter have decided to postpone the reinstatement of "Barbershopper of the Month" until January, 2014.
- 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.
- "Barbershopper of the Year" is coming up and Steve Sutherland will be in charge of this endeavor.
- Keith Opal will be in charge of program ads for our 2014 Annual Show. He asked for help in collecting the needed forms and other information for this job.
- Eric VanPoucker began a discussion re: the possibility of having a "Pole Cat - A- Month" quarteting activity. The Music Team will discuss this idea further. It was suggested that Kevin Moriarty be contacted re: the development of this activity.
- Dave Montera has asked that each Board member provide a tentative 2014 Budget by the December 2013 Board meeting.
- Jim Kunz announced that we have tentatively booked our COIN event for Friday, January 10, 2014 at the Red Run Golf Club. Jim is continuing to look for a band for that evening.
- After discussion, Herb Hebner suggested that we have an overhaul inspection of our trailer.
- After discussion, ***Joe DeSantis moved, seconded by Jim Kunz, that we allow our members to wear blackish-grey, dark colored walking or running shoes for our caroling events at the hospitals. Motion carried.***

Motion to adjourn: Herb Hebner; Second by Jim Kunz. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric VanPoucker, Secretary