

Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

Chapter Board Meeting Minutes – December 15, 2014

Board Attendees

Dave Montera – President
Jim Kunz - VP Music & Performance
John Balint - VP Marketing & PR
Michael Kramb - VP Programs
Roger Boyer - VP Membership & Chapter Development
Mike Schulte – Treasurer
Eric VanPoucker – Secretary
Gary Carpenter - At large
Terry Webner – At large
Herb Hebner – Immediate Past President

Guests

Earl Berry
George Burkett
Keith Opal
Steve Sutherland

Dave Montera called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

- Minutes for the November 17, 2014 DOC Board Meeting were presented for acceptance. ***Motion to accept minutes as corrected: Michael Kramb; Second: Terry Webner. Motion carried.***

Jim Kunz, VP Music & Performance

- Jim shared a short summary of the Music Team meeting held on December 1, 2014:
 - 1) 2015 Annual Show Planning** –The Team reviewed the status of the show songs, script, and Stage Presence for some of the songs. The Team also noted the need to: review/sign contract with O.C. Times and BackBeat; and schedule future coaching sessions with Alex Rubin, possibly starting in March 2015.
 - 2) New Membership Application** -After Jim's vocal performance assessment of Jim Ryan, the Music Team approved his membership.
 - 3) Old Business - a)** Tom Uicker has identified old music to be purged and/or scanned; he is now in the process of purging the files; **b) Jug Night** - discussed Jug Night plans/process and our overall communication and deployment plan for other Chapter involvement; **b) 2016 Annual Show** - The Team continued to discuss possible songs around the topics of working/our jobs/professions/etc.
 - 4) New Business - a)** Sue Gleason is scheduled to be with us at our Chapter meeting on the 15th of December; **b)** The singing engagement at the Detroit Zoo was a great success; **c)** We agreed to survey the members regarding an Oakland County Board of Commissioners performance on January 14, 2015; **d)** The Team talked about the need for a planning session/retreat/discussion with our members re: the information collected during the recent survey; and **e)** The Team discussed the recent decrease in our membership and the need to make some changes, both for the benefit of our current members and to better serve our future guests/members.

John Balint, VP Marketing & PR

- John reported that we have a potential performance in April 2015 at the Walled Lake United Methodist Church and will give the information to the Music Team.

Roger Boyer, VP Membership & Chapter Development

- Roger mentioned that the Royal Oak Outreach Committee met a couple of weeks ago and is moving forward with ideas of how our Chorus can be more involved in the Royal Oak community. The Committee will schedule another meeting sometime after the New Year. It was suggested by Board members that Roger investigate the

possibility of "Singing for Seniors" and singing at the Imagine Theatre. Roger also mentioned that he will contact the Royal Oak Farmer's Market for possible singing engagements.

- After discussion, **Roger Boyer moved the following motion: Having been voice-tested and approved by the Music Team, Jim Ryan is recommended for membership into the Detroit-Oakland Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Motion seconded by Terry Webner. Motion carried.**

Michael Kramb, VP Programs

- Michael had no report at this time.

Mike Schulte, Treasurer's Report

- Mike reported that we have an end of the month Grand Total of \$11,977.77 in the Funds Available account, and of that amount, \$2,718.20 is in the Operating Funds.
- Jim Kunz suggested that each Officer present budget line items in order to create our 2015 Budget and send those amounts to Dave Montera.
- After discussion, it was asked of Mike to move the Canada Night raffle proceeds into the Harmony Foundation budget.
- The Board accepted the November 2014 Treasurer's Report for information purposes.

Old/New Business

- Dave Montera is in the final stages of securing a contract with O.C. Times and BackBeat for our 2015 Annual Show.
- Dave thanked those members who were part of the Nominating Committee during the election of our 2015 Chapter Officers.
- Dave Montera will be consulting our By-laws re: ex-officio guests and possible voting privileges of ex-officio guests, etc.
- After discussion, **it was moved by Michael Kramb that we approve a total donation of \$1500.00 to the Harmony Foundation. Seconded by Jim Kunz. Motion carried. Furthermore, it was moved by Jim Kunz that we move \$1000.00 from the Other Charities fund, into the Harmony Foundation funds. Seconded by Michael Kramb. Motion carried.**
- After discussion, **it was moved by Mike Matson that we donate \$100.00 to Rolls Voyce (the Pioneer District Senior Quartet Champions) for the 2015 Mid-Winter Convention. Seconded by Roger Boyer. Motion carried.**
- Steve Sutherland, Dave Montera, and Jim Kunz have been discussing the recent survey results and would like to schedule a meeting with the Chapter members in order to discuss at length their findings. After discussion, it was decided that Dave will provide possible dates to the Chapter members, and choose the one that most members can attend (12/22/14, 1/12/15, or a Saturday in December or January).
- Dave thanked the outgoing Board members for their dedication and service to the Chapter during 2014.

Motion to adjourn Jim Kunz, seconded by Terry Webner. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric VanPoucker, Secretary