

Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

Chapter Board Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2014

Board Attendees

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

Guests

Earl Berry
Keith Opal
Steve Sutherland

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

- Minutes for the January 20, 2014 Chapter Board Meeting were read and approved. ***Motion to accept minutes: Michael Kramb; Second: Roger Boyer. Motion carried.***

Jim Kunz, VP Music & Performance

- Jim Kunz reported that the Music Team held an informal meeting. Jim shared a short summary of that meeting:
 - 1) 2015 Annual Show** –The Music Team has identified about 20 songs in 14 different genres and are trying to narrow it down to one song per genre. We will be asking Chapter quartets to choose songs from the list in order to cover the genres identified. The Music Team hopes to narrow down the list by the next Music Team meeting.
 - 2)** Steve Sutherland has developed for Chapter members, a practice CD of our 2014 Repertoire.

Roger Boyer, VP Membership & Chapter Development

- Roger has scheduled “Guest Night” for Monday, March 3, 2014. Steve Sutherland is developing a schedule for that evening. Roger will be sending invitation letters to prospective guests.
- Roger distributed information from the International Society re: suggestions for increasing Chapter membership and getting more members involved in Chapter activities.

Michael Kramb, VP Programs

- Michael thanked Earl Berry for his fine work with our 2014 Annual Show Afterglow.
- Michael reported that we will be starting our Chapter quarteting activities on March 3rd with our directors singing first .

Mike Schulte, Treasurer's Report

- Mike reported that we have an end of the month Grand Total of \$15,959.51 in the Funds Available account, and of that amount, \$7,995.42 is in the Operating Funds.
- Dave Montera mentioned that our 2015 Annual Show Budget will be presented at the March Board Meeting for approval at the April Board Meeting.

John Balint, VP Marketing & PR

- John provided the Board with a list of the facilities he provided publicity for re: our 2014 Annual Show. John also mentioned that the Oakland Press had an article re: our 2014 Annual Show. Furthermore, John mentioned that we were able to get onto the local radio stations websites in order to promote our 2014 Annual Show.
- John is working on updating contact information to local Senior Community Centers, along with providing them information re: our Annual Shows early enough for them to add the information to their yearly/monthly activities booklets.

Old/New Business

- Roger Boyer, Gary Carpenter, and Jim Kunz have completed work on reinstatement of the Barbershop of the Month Award.
- Dave Montera and Mike Schulte will review the tentative 2014 Budget and present it to the Chapter Board at the March Board meeting.
- Dave Montera suggested that we provide a survey to our chapter membership. Dave will ask the Board for input as to what questions should to be included in the survey. Dave also asked the Board to help locate a previous survey from 7 years ago.
- Keith Opal shared that we had a sale of \$2285.00 in 2014 Annual Show program ads.
- Roger Boyer suggested that we send letters to area High School music directors in order to spark an interest in barbershop music. Dave Montera mentioned that the National Music Educators Association has affiliated with the Barbershop Harmony Society re: elementary, middle school, and high school music programs.

Motion to adjourn: Terry Webner; Second by Jim Kunz. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric VanPoucker, Secretary