

Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

November 2014 Chapter Board Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2014

Board Attendees

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

Guests

Keith Opal
Steve Sutherland

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

- Minutes for the October 20, 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 November 3, 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: confirm if The Voice will be singing with us; review/sign contract with O.C. Times; and schedule future coaching sessions with Alex Rubin.
 - 2) New Membership Applications** - We are looking forward to receiving an application from Jim Ryan. (Jim Kunz will voice test Jim Ryan this evening. Jim assured the Board that if Jim Ryan passes the test, the Music Team would approve his application.)
 - 3) Old Business** - Tom Uicker has identified old music to be purged and/or scanned; he is now in the process of purging the files.
 - 4) New Business - a) Jug Night** - discussed Jug Night plans/process. Jim and Joe DeSantis will work together to compose a one-page letter to send to other Chapters re: Jug Night; **b) 2016 Annual Show** - The team talked about possible songs around the topics of working/our jobs/professions/etc; **c) Judges for Canada Night** - The Team thought that a panel of Hall of Famers would work well as the judging panel.
- The Board discussed the hosting of the 2018 District Spring Contest and the need to "shadow" the Fall 2017 Contest and then begin committee assignments, etc.

Roger Boyer, VP Membership & Chapter Development

- Roger is preparing some "information boards" to be posted at our Chorus performances.
- Roger spoke to the pastor of the Methodist church he attends re: the possibility of hosting a concert in the church sanctuary, splitting the profits from the performance.
- Roger has formed the Royal Oak Outreach committee to help make connections with various community and city entities within the Royal Oak area. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18th, 7:30 pm, at the National Coney Island on the corner of 12 Mile and Main.

Mike Schulte, Treasurer's Report

- Mike reported that we have an end of the month Grand Total of \$10,922.70 in the Funds Available account, and of that amount, \$2,663.65 is in the Operating Funds. After discussion, the Board accepted the October 2014 Treasurer's Report for information purposes.

Michael Kramb, VP Programs

- Michael reported that Canada Night went well.

John Balint, VP Marketing & PR

- John reported that we have been offered an additional performance at the Detroit Zoo, with a payment of \$200 for this performance. John asked that we poll the Chorus and see if December 29th will work for everyone.
- John shared that our 2015 Annual Show has been advertised in the Bloomfield Township Seniors Newsletter.

Old/New Business

- Dave Montera is in the final stages of securing a contract with O.C. Times for our 2015 Annual Show.
- Dave reported that The Voice is unable to commit to our 2015 Annual Show. The Music Team will look into the possibility of securing another local youth group as a replacement or securing another guest quartet.
- Michael Kramb (representing the Nominating Committee) noted that the Nominating Committee has four (instead of the usual three) At-large Board positions on the 2015 Election of Officers ballot. After discussion, ***it was moved by Jim Kunz that for the 2015 Election of Officers, we expand the size of the Board to include four members At-large; seconded by Roger Boyer. Motion carried.***
- Dave Montera presented a check in the amount of \$432.52 from the Harmony Foundation.
- Roger Boyer began a discussion regarding the possibility of having outside (other organizations) Board members attend our Chapter Board meetings. Dave Montera suggested that we consult our By-laws re: voting privileges, ex-officio guests, etc.
- Roger Boyer announced that Barbershopper of the Year nominations need to begin. The 2013 honorees, Michael Kramb and Joe DeSantis, will need to begin the work for this endeavor, as December 22 will be our last Chorus rehearsal for 2014.
- Jim Kunz announced that our Chapter Officers Installation Night will be held on Friday, January 9, 2015, at the Red Run Golf Club.
- Roger Boyer mentioned that he will be presenting a 2014 Participation Award to one of our Chapter members.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric VanPoucker, Secretary