

# Detroit-Oakland Chapter

Pioneer District – Barbershop Harmony Society

August 2014 Chapter Board Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2014

## Board Attendees

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

## Guests

Keith Opal  
Steve Sutherland

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

- Minutes for the September, 2014 DOC Board Meeting were unavailable. ***Motion to accept special minutes: Michael Kramb; Second: Terry Webner. Motion carried.***

## Jim Kunz, VP Music Team

During the meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> talked about the status of the 2015 show preparations. Voted that directors that have been directing songs continue but as Steve's shoulder improves, turn more back over to him for direction. Need to get the show contract signed with O.C Times. No membership applications for discussion. The committee did have some discussion about the survey results. There were pros and cons about singing more/fewer songs, discussed reviving ensemble, Tom Uicker continues to identify old music that can be purged. Discussed hiring the YOUTH IN harmony chorus, The Voice, for Feb show using the three songs they perform. This could eliminate the need to sing "So Many Voices" song. The youth chorus may provide additional ticket sales. Steve had spoken to Craig Pollard and he said they are amenable to that. Dave Montera discussed with Ken & Vicki Gibson giving them the show date and that DOC will pay them \$600 in advance if they guarantee an 85%(singers) head count. ( Members are from all over the lower MI area, and we want more than an octet) Also will pay them \$5 per ticket for each they sell. Will pay before Dec 6<sup>th</sup> as that is their cutoff for expenses for Mid-Winter. This would be in lieu of a formal expenses donation. Dave will re-contact and restate the offer. The board need not approve the offer as the show budget has been approved and this falls within that parameter. Mt Pleasant is doing much the same. No show performer is getting lodging nor lunch between shows nor afterglow tickets..

## Roger Boyer, VP Membership & Chapter Development

Roger asked if the \$500 budget request had made for 2014 had been approved. Dave said it probably had but Dave's request for budgets had languished. Roger described construction of a sturdy easel and photo display board to be used at all chapter singouts/events. Requested \$150 for this project and Dave suggested \$200. Roger so moved, seconded by Terry Webner and approved by the board. Requested photos of all quartets along with short bios and intends to have the project ready for use at the Detroit Zoo engagement. Roger also described another project, one that would make DOC a Royal Oak community chapter with ties to various community and City entities and be able to present the annual show in Royal Oak area. This effort would begin before the end of the year and show some measurable results by the

end of 2015. He asked for volunteers to staff a committee and to mention the plan to the membership Monday night. Mike Matson mentioned the Harmonizer articles about school involvement, as well. Roger talked about International wanting all school contact to come from the Society, through Joe Cerutti. Discussion about other ways to assist school music programs. A caution about commitment by board and none from membership. Dave noted that the buyin from membership will be the membership VP responsibility. Dave suggested things like manning TV fund raisers, etc. Jim Kunz, Mike Matson, John Balint agreed to participate as committee members.

### **Mike Schulte, Treasurer's Report**

Mike Shulte reviewed financials. Receipts from convention registrations, Gordon Foods and Kroger make up the activity. Transferred 10% of show proceeds to enable Dave to make the Harmony Foundation donation at district board meeting. There is a dormant savings account and Mike Matson will help Mike Shulte get the number so it can be reinstated. Steve Sutherland questioned the need to maintain an account on which we only generate pennies per year. Mike Matson pointed out that this is technically the uniform account that cannot be spent and IRS frowns on mixing funds. Accepted treasurer's report for information purposes..

### **Michael Kramb, VP Programs**

Canada night coming up but Earl Berry has everything under control and will be held at a new site.. Pontiac, last year's Old Oakland Bucket winner has lost it. Their president died and it was lost in the disbursement of assets. Pontiac will provide a new one for Canada Night. If we can give them the list of choruses they will have all the plates engraved. It was given to DOC by Lansing, originally. The original "JUG" is in Darl Wiley's possession. Discussed reinstating the passing of the "JUG" so more chapters participate and perhaps getting a number of chapters together on a single Wednesday. May have 5 or 6 inter-chapter meetings throughout the state. New chapter in Marquette is in Pioneer..

### **John Balint, VP Marketing & PR**

John noted a busy November and December with performance dates on the High Notes. Signup sheets will be out for the Zoo night, Henry Ford Village note and the 3 hospitals. Done the week BEFORE Christmas.

### **Old/New Business**

Dave will follow up with Sean of OC Times on contract signatures.

Dave Montera new district VP for music and performance. District board agreed to insure "The Voice" youth chorus is completely funded for their trip to Mid-Winter in New Orleans, including flights and expenses. The \$1000 donated to Harmony Foundation at convention by DOC is for the sponsorship of the youth choral festival, not for The Voice. DOC has not hosted a district convention in over 9 years and should consider doing so. In the past DOC has set up to host the years after winning district championship but not this time. It was suggested we consider Battle Creek or Kalamazoo as attendance is more likely closer to metro. Dave had contacted chapters to consider a swap and was rebuffed. The next reasonable date is 2018. Roger Lewis has not been able work out details for Lansing as a convention venue. Dave gave scenario overview of issues. No charity supported in Muskegon and typically there is one. Next time there will have more community activity.

***Motion to adjourn: Terry Webner; Second by Michael Matson. Motion passed.***

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Roger Boyer