

Meeting called to order 4/27/2015 6:32 PM by Pres Dave Montera  
Minutes from previous meeting approved and seconded as read

John Balint reported that he had coffee with the RO chamber of commerce and that Bonnie Miller, from Stagecrafters, invited us to look at the Baldwin Theater as a possible venue for our performances.

George Burkett reported that the date of the annual picnic is going to be Monday July 13th at the Sylvan Lake community center, Pete Peters has secured that date with the center. George inquired as to which chapters we should invite to our picnic. It was agreed by all that we should invite Pontiac (Big Chief), Grosse Pointe, Rochester, Livingston, and Windsor, George said that he would contact them and let them know and get an approximate headcount.

Jim Kunz related as to who was going to direct our next songs, that has not as of yet been finalized. He mentioned Jim Simon as a new member but Jim has not shown up recently. He talked about purging some old music that we haven't used lately. He mentioned the next Jug night to be held, Tuesday May 19th at Hillsdale. He mentioned improving music performance, possibly bringing in some coaching. He talked about the possibility of changing our show venue of Clarenceville to possibly RO Kimball or The Baldwin Theater, Terry Webner mentioned Clawson High School. Gary Carpenter asked Jim about member survey, Jim responded with some of the feedback from that survey.

Roger Boyer attended a Royal Oak service council meeting chaired by Jean Towar, an Oakland Press reporter (Robin Newsome) was there also and mentioned Detroit Oakland in her newspaper report. The car show, in Royal Oak Sat August 1st was mentioned and we are invited to sing at it between the hours of 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

Roger said that it would be a nice gesture if we, as a group, could participate in dressing up the graves of veterans in Oakview Cemetery, the dates are Sat May 2nd and Sat May 9th from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM bring small gardening tools. Roger also mentioned creating a barbershop merit badge for the Boy Scouts to earn, he wants to create a committee to pursue that possibility.

Mike Schulte did not have a treasurers report (too close to tax season). He highlighted his recent bill paying activity, and mentioned that Ken Casey would not accept any payment for being MCEE for our show at Clarenceville in Feb so he donated \$200.00 to the Harmony Foundation in his name. Mike paid the rent to Starr Presbyterian for this past quarter and we got a check for \$1,100.00 from the harmony foundation for our share of all the contributions from our members to the foundation, we are solvent.

Old Business:

Dave Montera received an E mail from the Royal Oak Schools that they had lost our application of compliance for us to use their facility for our meetings so Dave resent it to them. They also asked for our meeting schedule and Dave gave it to them. Dave needs to clarify if we can store our risers at their facility. We will not be moving our meetings there anytime soon.

Dave mentioned the possibility of using the Baldwin Theater for our performances, that capacity is 370 seats, we averaged 425 seats occupied for each performance at Clarenceville. The rental cost is similar to what we pay at Clarenceville, \$250.00 for the tech person and \$2,200.00 rental for the facility. Their management may give a discount renting for both shows, a total of \$3,100.00 for both shows. Feb 27th 2016 is available for rental. Meeting adjourned 7:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted ,George Burkett For Dave McDonald