

Detroit Oakland Chapter
Barbershop Harmony Society
March 21, 2016

Board Attendees: George Burkett, Roger Boyer, Gary Carpenter, Dave McDonald, Dave Montera, Keith Opal, John Paul, Craig Roney, Terry Webner

Guests: Steve Sutherland

Absent: John Balint, Mike Schulte

The meeting was convened at 6:34 PM by president Terry Webner

Montera moved and Burkett seconded that the Minutes of Feb. 22, 2016 be approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- M Schulte

No report in M. Schulte's absence.

Music Team Meeting (March 14, 2016)- J. Paul, D. Montera

February, 2016 Show:

D. Montera indicated that the budget for the show isn't finalized

because he needs to receive a bill from RO High School (expected to be @ \$2k). However, it's likely we will realize @ \$9k profit (revenue from the program sales is up from previous years; program cost remained the same; cost of guest quartets was less than budgeted).

The Show was videotaped (good quality audio); Montera is working on getting copies.

Program Ad contacts are reminded to get program copies to patrons.

Based on Al Fisk's critique of the size of the program for previous shows, the full size (8 ½ x 11) of the current program was well received. Positive comments regarding the "look" of the program were also received.

September 10, 2016 Show:

J. Paul indicated that the song selections are set but that a few more songs may be added. Guest Quartets have been selected (Boardwalk, Surefire). D. Montera indicated that contracts have been extended to both quartets.

D. Montera is working on the Show budget (not yet finalized since the Sept. Show budget (not yet finalized) impacts the Sept. Show budget. J. DeSantis will shadow D. Montera for the September, 2016 show and take over as Show Chair for the September, 2017 Show.

RO High School Auditorium may not be available for the Sept. Show (due to construction: new sound & lighting system, curtains. replacement of seats). An alternative may be the RO Middle School auditorium. The risers are the same as the high school's but since there is only one curtain, the risers will be placed in front of the curtain for the chapter's performance then moved behind the curtain for the guest quartets' performances.

If the auditorium isn't in use by the school, we may be able to rehearse on the stage on weeks preceding the Show.

Advertisement and flyer preparation for the Show should Begin in June. R. Boyer suggested that we consider adding a "pull-out" section to the program that would provide current show information so that the program itself could be used year-round for multiple chapter events. As such Ad patrons would know that their ad would be viewed for a one-year period

Contest Preparation:

Vowel execution work is needed. It was recommended that Jim Pecar be invited to one more rehearsal prior to the contest.

2017 Show:

The Music Team began discussion of song selection the Show.

Tags:

The Music Team suggested that the Chapter learn a set of tags to be used with prospective chapter members when they first visit rehearsal. J. Kunz is working on identifying a set of tags with posts in all four voices for this purpose.

Membership- R. Boyer

R. Boyer suggested we have a local fireman provide Sidewalk CPR training to Chapter members. He will follow up to investigate training particulars and report back to the Board.

It was also suggested that we discover the location of AED defibrillators in the Middle School. C. Roney talked to a school custodian who will let us know their location.

Jug/Guest Night: Ladies are welcome to attend. Chapter contacts should communicate this decision to the invited chapters.

Program- G. Burkett

P. Peters has secured the Sylvan Lake Clubhouse for June 13, 2016. G. Burkett will arrange all the logistics.

G. Burkett will inquire regarding food, drinks for the Convention Hospitality Room. D. Montera indicated that we would be permitted to bring in water and cold snacks but nothing else.

Publicity- J. Balint

No report in J. Balint's absence.

Chorus Manager-

S. Sutherland indicated that enough members have agreed to perform at the Zoo on May 24. The program will include Feb.. Show songs plus a few songs from the Sept. show.

Old Business- T. Webner

No report.

New Business-

C. Roney was appointed Recording Secretary by voice vote (since he is already an elected member of the Board no formal motion was needed). **D. McDonald will remain as Corresponding Secretary.**

D. Montera received a check for \$88.50 from Kroger. Chapter members are reminded that they need to renew their application to the Kroger program. He will mention it at rehearsal tonight. He also reported that he received check from Henry Ford Village for their program add. K. Opal indicated that there are two program checks outstanding (Wayne Chapter, Providence Hospital).

D. Montera indicated that the Chapter has closed its bank account with Talmar and opened a new account with Vibe Credit union. All funds have been transferred to the new account.

S. Sutherland has been in contact with Diane Mehringer (RO Middle School Chorus Director). The chapter will sing (Lion Sleeps Tonight) with the Sixth Grad Chorus (Thursday, June 9 at 7PM). Diane indicated that Sixth Grade Dads/Moms would be invited to sing with us. Chapter members will be invited to attend rehearsal(s) with the Sixth Graders to prepare for the show.

Respectfully submitted: Craig Roney, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved as amended, April 18, 2016.