

Detroit Oakland Chapter
Barbershop Harmony Society
May 16, 2016

Board Attendees: George Burkett, Gary Carpenter, Dave Montera, Keith Opal, John Paul, Craig Roney, Mike Schulte, Terry Webner
Guests: Joe DeSantis, Steve Sutherland
Absent: Roger Boyer, Dave McDonald

The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM by president Terry Webner

Opal moved and Burkett seconded that the Minutes of April 18, 2016 as amended be approved. Motion carried.

Paul moved and Roney seconded that the Minutes of February 22, 2016 be approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- M Schulte

The Board received the Treasurer's Report for the month of April, 2016 for information purposes. The account balance as of the end of April, 2016 was \$18,829.75

Music Team Meeting (May 9, 2016)- J. Paul

Music Team Business:

The Team discussed the tight schedule leading up to our Fall program and competition and the need for **chorus members who miss a rehearsal to study CDs at home to "catch up"**. (Per the Team's recommendation, S. Sutherland posted on-line an upcoming rehearsal schedule.) They also discussed developing strategies for improved learning of the music and choreography.

Board discussion ensued. S. Sutherland commented that some chorus members indicated to him that not winning at the Spring contest wasn't personally a great concern thus raising the question as to whether those chorus members don't fully commit to making their best effort to learn the contest music and choreography resulting in the

disappointing scores we received based on our performance. The consensus of Board members reinforced the **need for each chorus member taking part in the contest to make a personal commitment to learn the music/choreography so well that the chorus is in a position to win at contest.** This commitment by each member is essential since previous discussion as a follow-up to last years survey indicated that the membership was not in favor of distinguishing between a “show” chorus and a separate “contest” chorus. D. Montera suggested that the **Music Team shoulder the responsibility of leadership regarding strategies to support each chorus member’s commitment to winning at contest. T. Webner indicated that he would work with the Music Team leadership to brainstorm strategies for supporting each individual’s commitment to winning at contest.**

February, 2016 Show:

D. Montera reported that he received an invoice from the RO school district for expenses related to the use of the high school auditorium in the amount of \$2480 (the original estimate was @ \$1240). This amount is @ 2/3 of the amount we paid at Clarenceville but double what we anticipated as our expense for the use of the high school auditorium.

September 10, 2016 Show:

D. Montera indicated that he will request of Robin Newsome, RO school district Director of Facilities, a written & signed contract listing specific prices for rental, technical fees, etc. prior to the September Show (thus to avoid any surprise regarding rental expense as experienced for the February, 2016 Show).

Membership- T Webner

R. Boyer has requested a leave-of-absence from his responsibility as Membership Chair. T. Webner indicated that coverage is needed for attendance at the RO Chamber of Commerce Coffees and Luncheon (second Friday of the month). For the time being, T. Webner, D. Montera, and G. Burkett will attend those meetings.

Regarding our participation in the RO Memorial Day parade, only one member has agreed to participate so it's likely we won't participate.

Program- G. Burkett

G. Burkett will organize the picnic logistics (His donation to the chorus). He will seek additional help from the membership to help set up and clean-up via a sign-up sheet.

Jug Night Recap- Joe DeSantis

The Board received a summary report on the recent Jug Night from J. DeSantis.

Jug Night Recap

- May 2, 2016, Starr Presbyterian Church
- Chapters/# individuals in attendance:

DOC—27
Motor City Metro—2
Grosse Pointe—8
Wayne—2
Rochester—21
Monroe—1
Livingston County—18
Pontiac/Waterford—10
Gratiot County—1
Grand Rapids—1 (Al Fisk)
Redford Harmony Club—1

- Guest Quartets:
Firefox (Sweet Ads) (4)
Detroit Sound Machine (4)
- Individual guests—10 (3 male, 7 female)
- Total individuals in attendance (est.)—110

- 50-50: Gross amount collected was \$729. Half (\$364.50) went directly to the Jug fund. The first place winner donated all of his winnings to the fund. Two other attendees made separate donations totaling \$30. Total amount going into the Jug fund was 576.75. (Ticket “prices” were: \$1/1 ticket; \$5/6 tickets; \$10/13 tickets; \$15/23 tickets; \$20/30 tickets [I think])

Editorial comment:

I think it was the general consensus that the event was a success as an inter-chapter gathering and fundraiser. Some issues we did not do so well on:

- Attracting male, non-barbershopper guests. I know of only two such men who were there. Roger Boyer got contact information from them.
- Getting anyone from Windsor to attend. This was an organizational snafu. Somehow Windsor did not get word about the event as early as the other chapters did, and somehow even managed to miss the message in the slide show at the convention.

Personally, I had my own misgivings going in about the concept of a general “guest night.” I had nightmare visions of it turning into something like an NFL draft combine. But after seeing how it all came off and how the individual chapters handled themselves, I think the event could succeed as a guest night provided we promote it effectively as such to the other chapters. I think our basic approach to promoting it—assigning individual DOC guys to stay in touch with a targeted chapter or chapters—worked well enough except for the snafu described above. If we were to take this same approach next year but 1) be better organized at the beginning (we actually began work on promoting this one in early March, which was early enough, but we weren’t as well organized as we needed to be so it didn’t get off to a strong start); and 2) Figure out a coherent message about attracting guests and emphasizing it, with consistent follow up, in the weeks leading up to the event. If we could get, say, a dozen male non-barbershoppers to show up, and attend to them properly at the event itself, I would consider the event a success on that front as well.

BTW for future reference: If we were to get some representation from Windsor plus a decent number of guests, the Starr venue might not be big enough. We’ll have to think about that.

Email chain re funds raised:

Dave Montera 5/19/16: The second place 50/50 raffle was donated back by a Livingston County Chapter member. That money has been turned over to Mike Schulte.

When we talked about the matching funds at the Board Meeting we did not discuss the Jesters donation. We need Board clarification on matching for that. DOC will match \$100 of the Livingston Chapter \$250 donation.

I was not aware of the Grosse Pointe donation, but that will be matched up to \$100.

The Rochester donation is still up in the air. I clarified the matching program with the Rochester president and told him DOC does not match private donations to the quartets but will match any donation made to the Jug Fund itself (made payable to DOC, not the quartets). I also advised him DOC would not match donations made to/for the chorus.

I had the same discussion with a representative of Huron Valley.

Just as an aside, at the Jug event in Battle Creek on Tuesday the first place and second place 50/50 winners donated the winnings back to the jug fund. The second quarter place winner was from Battle Creek and I was the first place winner.

Terry has those funds and can report on the Battle Creek event.

Tom Uicker (Sent from his iPhone)

50% of the raffle went to the jug. That figure was \$364.50 as stated. Half of the remainder went to first place winner. That amount was \$182.25; NOT \$192.25.

It was donated directly back to the jug funds. Winner belonged to DOC.

The second prize was \$109.35. It may have been donated back to the jug; I did not write that down.

As stated, there were an additional \$30 in donations:

\$20 from someone in Livingston County and \$10 from someone in DOC.

So, the total raised on Jug night would have been \$686.10; NOT \$696.10.

One more donation was brought in by Grosse Pointe on Jug Night, but I did not count it.

It was passed directly to our treasurer, Mike Schulte.

J. DeSantis' ?Figures They should be cross-checked with Dave Montera who knows how the matching donations will go, and Tom Uicker who ran the 50-50 raffle.

50% of total raffle ticket sales: \$364.50

Donation by 1st-place winner: \$192.25

Donation by 2nd place winner: \$109.35

Other donations on Jug Night:	\$ 30.00
Total funds raised on Jug Night:	\$696.10
Other known donations:	
Livingston County chapter:	\$250.00
Jesters (Liv. County quartet):	\$ 50.00
Total Jug Night + other known Donations:	\$996.10

Note: Rochester has indicated its intent to donate to the Jug fund; however there is some uncertainty about the amount of their donations. Dave Montera has been in communication with their President, Larry Commerson, and will hopefully know their numbers. Those figures will determine how much DOC will put in as matching funds. Presumably DOC will put in \$150 in matching funds for the two Livingston county donations. Total contributions including Jug Night proceeds and other donations should be well over \$1,200.

Chorus Manager-

S. Sutherland indicated that we will sing three repeat shows at the Zoo on May 24 (11am, noon, 1pm)

Old Business- T. Webner

T. Webner reported that P. Scheiwe has been asked and has agreed to assume the duties of Publicity Chair due to J. Balian's resignation. Peter has marketing experience, lives in the North Woodward area, and could work into the position with guidance from R. Boyer, T. Webner and others.

Burkett moved and Paul seconded that P. Scheiwe be appointed to the Board as Publicity Chair effective immediately.

Motion carried. T. Webner will inform P. Scheiwe of his appointment.

New Business-

T. Webner has received a request from the Oakland Elementary PTA for a donation to their Fund Raiser. D. Montera indicated that Harmony Foundation supports only donations to charitable

causes. This request doesn't fit that criteria. The request will be denied. The board discussed the need to make an additional donation to the high school auditorium seating by the end of the school year.

**D. Montera moved and G. Burkett seconded adjournment at 7:31 pm.
Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted: Craig Roney, Secretary