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Detroit Oakland Chapter
Barbershop Harmony Society
April 17, 2017

Board Attendees: George Burkett, Doug Joppie, Keith Opal, Craig Roney, Terry Webner

Absent: Mike Matson, Dave Montera, John Paul, Peter Scheiwe, Mike Schulte

Guests: Roger Boyer, Joe DeSantis, Herb Hebner, Steve Sutherland,
Special Guests: Brooke Adams, Kyra Bradley from the Methodist Children's Home Society

The meeting was convened at 6:38 PM by president Webner

The minutes of March 20, 2016 were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report- M Schulte
No Report

Music Team Meeting (April 3, 2016)- S. Sutherland

Ensemble membership (to perform "Guys & Dolls") was opened to all members of the chorus (members must come to rehearsal knowing the music and must try out for the ensemble).

T. Webner indicated that the chorus would be able to survive financially if we held our next show in Fall, 2018. The number of songs chosen for performance has been reduced and the songs chosen are relatively easy to learn. After the current competition, the plan is to introduce a new song every other week at rehearsal.

Membership- K. Opal

K. Opal had no report.

Program- G. Burkett

G. Burkett will provide refreshments at the convention hospitality

room and for Jug Night (with additional help from the membership).

J. DeSantis shared a flyer for Jug Night (copies to be provided by R. Boyer at the April 24 rehearsal for posting by chorus members in public places around the area) and shared additional information regarding advertising Jug night to Pioneer District membership (email blast, big-screen ad at convention). Confirmation has been received that two quartets (Hemidemi... and Riot Act) will attend as will tag master, W. Stutz.

Publicity- T. Webner

No Report.

Old Business- T. Webner

C. Roney introduced the revised Chapter By-laws. G. Bartlett moved and D. Joppie seconded a motion to approve the revisions and directed C. Roney to send the revisions to the Harmony Society for their review and approval.

NOTE: DETROIT-OAKLAND CHAPTER BY-LAWS WERE APPROVED BY THE HARMONY SOCIETY ON APRIL 19, 2017. The approved by-laws are posted in the “Members’ Section” on the chapter Web site.

T. Webner indicated that a new date will need to be set for the THINK (Healthy Chapter) session postponed until after convention.

New Business- T. Webner

Regarding new shirt funds, T. Webner indicated that we don't yet know the cost of the shirts so discussion of funding was postponed until a subsequent board meeting.

T. Webner indicated that we need a temporary chair for the Music Team (given J. Paul's absence). It was suggested that J. Kunz be asked to fill that role.

Brooke Adams and Kyra Bradley from the Methodist Children's Home Society (Redford, MI) made a presentation about the Society and requested that the Chapter consider how we might support the Society. The Society sponsors multiple programs for youth between the ages of 6-20). It was suggested that the Chapter consider conducting rehearsal(s) at the Children's Home campus to introduce Barbershop singing to the boys. A rehearsal might involve having any interested boys join in learning tags or even simple songs. The older boys might be encouraged to join the chapter.

At future board meetings we will discuss further ways that we can support the Children's Home.

**G. Burkett moved and C. Roney seconded adjournment at 7:27 pm.
Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted: Craig Roney, Secretary

Minutes Approved: