

Detroit Oakland Chapter
Barbershop Harmony Society
February 20, 2017

Board Attendees: Doug Joppie, Mike Matson, Dave Montera, Keith Opal,
John Paul, Craig Roney, Terry Webner
Absent: George Burkett, Peter Scheiwe, Mike Schulte
Guests: Roger Boyer, Steve Sutherland

The meeting was convened at 6:37 PM by president Webner

The Minutes of January 16, 2016 were approved by acclamation

Treasurer's Report- M Schulte
No Report

Music Team Meeting (February 6, 2016)- J. Paul

For the 2018 show, the number of songs has been reduced to 13. S. Sutherland is working on a "buy one-get one free" arrangement to purchase additional sheet music. We currently purchase @ 40 copies of sheet music per song. A "Broadway Songs" backdrop will need to be purchased.

For information purposes, D. Montera presented the 2017 Show receipts/expenditures figures. The current profit estimate is \$2,454.00 (with some minor expenses yet to be incurred). **His recommendation is that the Chapter will be able to survive financially even if we move the 2018 show to the Fall** given the fact that we currently have \$12,000 in the bank not counting profit from the 2017 show.

D. Montera recommended that, for 2018, the Board consider moving to **one show** (with a 4 pm start time), employing **one headliner quartet** (perhaps New Fangle Four), and using the **Royal Oak Middle School auditorium**. Further, he recommended that we request both a February, 2018 and a September, 2018 show date from Royal Oak (if we decide to move to a Fall show, we can always cancel the Feb. request).

Discussion followed. The show and headliner quartet reduction would save us @ a third of the current cost. The After Glow would move to a more reasonable time and we could possibly use the Middle School Gathering Place (a catered event) for the event. We need to continue to look for other venues to perform our show for pay (ex. The various summer performing series offered by communities like Northville, Southfield, West Bloomfield, in addition to our shows at the zoo, Fox Run, and Narden Park).

D. Montera moved and J. Paul seconded a motion to request a February, 2018 show date from Royal Oak for the Middle School auditorium. Motion carried.

D. Montera moved and M. Matson seconded a motion to have R. Boyer and J. Kunz negotiate with Royal Oak to lock in September show dates for 2018 (and possibly four years beyond) for the use of the Middle School auditorium. Motion carried.

Show Program advertisement costs (Roney proposal) issue tabled until next meeting due to meeting time constraints.

Membership- K. Opal

K. Opal recommended and J. Paul seconded a motion to accept Peter Brandt as a new member of the Chapter. Motion carried.
C. Roney will process his application and apply for a name badge.

Candidates for BSOY (K. Opal proposal) issue tabled until next meeting due to meeting time constraints

Program- G. Burkett

No Report.

Publicity- T. Webner

Effects of no publicity or marketing) issue tabled until next meeting due to meeting time constraints.

Old Business- T. Webner

Gut Check Survey issue tabled until next meeting due to time constraints.

New Business- T. Webner

D. Montera introduced THINK (see latest *Harmonizer* issue for details), a series of facilitated sessions to enable chapter members to set chapter goals and a sense of future direction for the chapter.

Trained facilitators (who are Barbershop Society members) can be hired to initiate the process. To be effective, the process requires participation of all the members of a chapter in a series of sessions. An initial session might involve a 4-5 hour meeting of all chapter members facilitated by an outside Society member. Costs to the Chapter would involve hiring a trained facilitator and possibly rental space for the initial meeting. D. Montera, K. Opal, and T. Webner have experience with THINK and recommended that we present the issue to the membership for their consideration (to be done at tonight's rehearsal. The Board agreed.

Funding for New Shirt monogram embroidery issue was tabled until D. Montera discovers how much the process will cost.

The By-laws update issue was tabled until next meeting due to time constraints.

**C. Roney moved and D. Joppie seconded adjournment at 7:30 pm.
Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted: Craig Roney, Secretary

Minutes Approved: March 20, 2017