

Detroit Oakland Chapter  
Barbershop Harmony Society  
January 16, 2017

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

The meeting was convened at 6:29 PM by president Webner

**The Minutes of December 19, 2016 were approved by acclamation**

Treasurer's Report- M Schulte

The Board received the Treasurer's Report for the month of December, 2016 for information purposes. The account balance as of the end of December, 2016 was \$11, 969.08. The year-end balance was \$1, 211.00.

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

For the upcoming show, it was decided not to request a street banner announcing the show (a bit late to make the request).

For the February, 2018 show the chosen theme will be Broadway Songs; for the 2019 show the theme will be Disney songs.

There was a brief discussion regarding adding to our holiday songs: "Chanukah, Chanukah," a kids song ("Frosty the Snowman"?), a different version of "Silent Night". The Music Team will consider the options.

Membership- K. Opal

No report.

Program- G. Burkett

The hospitality room for the up-coming convention has been reserved.

G. Burkett will organize it.

Regarding Jug night, J. DeSantis, G. Burkett, and C. Roney have volunteered to organize it; the committee needs a few more volunteers.

A tentative date for the picnic has been set: June 26, 2017.

Publicity-

T. Webner announced that J. Balint may resume his role as VP for Publicity.

Old Business- T. Webner

T. Webner will compile the Gut Check survey and submit it.

New Business- T. Webner

Bonding for the 2017 Chapter Year:

**J. Paul moved and K. Opal seconded the following Motion: That we cover all Chapter Members on the 2017 DOC Roster for the purposes of our bonding insurance coverage. Non-members included in the bonding are David B. Uicker, Tyra Uicker, and Jean (Mimi) Berry as they handle money for Chapter activities. Motion carried.**

Board Reorganization: T. Webner suggested that it might be time to reorganize the structure of the chapter leadership; perhaps to include more of our chapter leaders in official leadership positions. Discussion followed.

M. Matson questioned whether the Board had oversight over decisions made by the Music Team. He cited the example of the purchase of the new summer shirts that didn't have official approval by the Board (ie. No board vote was taken on the issue).

**The general consensus was that the Board should have oversight over all committee decisions and that all Music Team decisions, for example, be subject to voter approval by the Board.**

Ensemble: M. Matson suggested that the Music Team discuss the creation of an ensemble of performers (perhaps 3 persons per part) who would be called upon to perform at special civic functions on a regular basis. J. Paul indicated that the Team has had such discussions and will continue these discussions.

**C. Roney moved and M. Matson seconded adjournment at 7:27 pm. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted: Craig Roney, Secretary

**Minutes Approved: January 20, 2017**