

Detroit Oakland Chapter
Barbershop Harmony Society
March 20, 2017

Board Attendees: Doug Joppie, Mike Matson, Keith Opal, John Paul, Craig Roney, Terry Webner

Absent: George Burkett, Dave Montera, Peter Scheiwe, Mike Schulte

Guests: Roger Boyer, Steve Sutherland, Gary Carpenter

The meeting was convened at 6:27 PM by president Webner

A motion to approve minutes of January 16, 2016 was made (Opal) and seconded (Paul). The motion was approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report- M Schulte
No Report

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

Ensemble members (to perform "Guys & Dolls") have been selected and notified. The first rehearsal will be April 10 at 6:30 pm. A storyline for the 2018 show hasn't been developed yet. Licensing for 55 copies of "Guys & Dolls" is pending.

Membership- K. Opal

K. Opal had no report.

It was clarified that a member transferring into our chapter or seeking dual membership is charged a reinstatement fee of \$10, a district fee of \$20 and a chapter fee of \$10.

Program- G. Burkett

No Report. T. Webner indicated that the Gathering Place (in Royal On May 8.Oak Middle School) has been secured for the Jug/Guest night

Publicity- T. Webner

T. Webner stated that he has appointed R. Boyer to work on Marketing strategies and report to the Board periodically.

R. Boyer indicated that he has been in contact with a Marketing firm in order to generate ideas for marketing the chapter.

R. Boyer also proposed that the Chapter consider establishing an outreach partnership with the Methodist Children's Home (Redford, MI). The Home houses children from ages 5-20. After discussion, it was recommended that R. Boyer invite the Home's Development officer to meet with the Board at our next meeting (April 17) to explore collaborative endeavors. R. Boyer indicated that the Children's Home will become the district's service project next year. Boyer provided a handout introducing the proposal (attached).

Old Business- T. Webner

T. Webner indicated that a facilitator for a THINK (Healthy Chapter) session has been contacted and that we need to set a date for the event. It was suggested that we canvass the membership regarding a date of May 6 or 13 (both Saturdays). *During the subsequent rehearsal, it Was determined that May 6 would be the best date.*

New Business- T. Webner

D. Hawley has agreed to chair the chapter's efforts regarding the District service project (Jubilee House)

A motion was made (Joppie) and seconded (Opal) to approve the purchase of a bin for the service project. Motion carried.

The issue of the new shirt funding was tabled until D. Montera reports on actual costs.

C. Roney raised the issue of potentially revising advertising costs in the show program. The application sheet needs to be revised since all program pages are now full color. Roney reported that Livingston County charges \$750 for a back-cover ad, \$500 for ads on the inside front and back covers, and \$200 for full page ads on pages internal to

the program. Discussion followed. Board members are to consider the issue and further discussion will take place at subsequent Board meetings.

C. Roney indicated that he has reviewed a copy of the “Chapter By-laws” form required by the Harmony Society. It appears that all that is needed is to enter the Chapter name on the first page of the document, to indicate that, in our chapter, Board officers are elected to one-year terms (as opposed to two-year terms), and to list the number of additional Board Members-At-Large (3 in our case) that the Chapter chooses to include on the Board. *(Note: As is permitted by the Society, the Detroit-Oakland Chapter includes as Board officers four Vice-Presidents [Music & Performance, Membership, Programs, and Public Relations and Marketing] in addition to the offices of President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past-President).*

C. Roney will contact the Society to determine if a formal submission of our By-laws to the Society is necessary.

**C. Roney moved and K. Opal seconded adjournment at 7:10 pm.
Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted: Craig Roney, Secretary

Minutes Approved: April 17, 2017