

Detroit Oakland Chapter Barbershop Harmony Society

May 21, 2018

Board Attendees: Peter Brandt, George Burkett, Geoff d'Allemand, Doug Joppie,  
John Marsh, Mike Matson, Keith Opal, John Paul, Craig Roney

Absent: Roger Boyer, Terry Webner

Guests: Earl Berry, Joe DeSantis, Herb Hebner, Steve Sutherland, Tom Uicker

The meeting was convened at 6:29 PM by president Opal.

**G. Burkett moved and J. Paul seconded a motion that the minutes of April 16, 2018 be approved. Minutes approved by acclamation.**

Treasurer's Report- K. Opal (for M. Matson)

The Board received from M. Matson the Treasurer's Report for the month of March, 2018 for information purposes. Funds available at the end of February totaled \$11, 400.27.

Music Team Meeting (May 14, 2018)- J. Paul

J. Paul reported that the 2019 show theme will be "Harmony High Class Reunion" (probably with a name change). The Music team will begin song selection based on this theme.

Regarding the 2018 show, Surefire (Lynne Pierce quartet) will be the featured quartet and Category 4 will be the headliner quartet. Four chapter quartets have indicated a desire to appear on the show. Auditions for these quartets will be on June 25.

A concert at R. Boyers church will be scheduled for mid-June using the zoo-show repertoire with a 50/50 split of all donations.

Membership- J. Marsh

K. Opal suggested that J. Marsh restart the "Barbershopper-of-the-Month" award.

## Program- G. Burkett

Planning for the annual picnic (Aug. 13, 2018) is under way. M. Matson will get the security deposit for the Sylvan Lake club house to P. Peters. Several chapters have already indicated that they will attend.

## Show 2018- J. DeSantis

Regarding the 2018 Show, J. DeSantis raised the issue of the show start time. Discussion followed including suggestions that 7pm or 6pm be considered. The preference appeared to be 6pm if we can get access to the auditorium at 4pm on the show date. J. DeSantis will check with the school district before a final start time. He will also check to see if we can use the gathering place for the "After Glow."

R. Boyers proposal to hire an ad agency for the show program was also discussed. The chapter wants to maintain the ability of the chapter members to solicit ads in addition to the ad agency. Questions were also raised regarding the commission the agency would charge. K. Opal encouraged chapter members to begin soliciting ads (the current fee structure is on-line).

The Music team is considering costuming for the show (possibly involving a variety of song-appropriate hats for chorus members).

## Old Business- K. Opal

C. Roney asked about remuneration from the District for serving as convention hosts. Do the chapters receive \$500 from the District and part of the proceeds from the Raffle? If so does DOC want to donate any of that money to the Harmony Foundation? Also questioned was whether the host chapters are credited with the raffle fund donation to Harmony foundation. These questions will be referred to D. Montera.

## New Business- K. Opal

M. Matson raised the issue of how much money the Chapter should donate to the chorus and quartets representing the District at upcoming the International convention.

**M. Matson moved and G. Burkett seconded a motion for DOC to contribute \$500 to the winning chorus and \$100 to each of the three**

**winning choruses and the Sr. Quartet winner (yet to be determined).  
Motion carried.**

Regarding Jug Night donations, the matching fund amount from DOC is yet to be determined. So far three chapters have contributed to the fund and Battle Creek will hold their Jug night the weekend of May 22.

M. Matson reminded the Board that a 2018 Budget has yet to be approved. He also requested that chapter members not pay for expenses out of pocket. He also raised the issue of the allocation of member dues suggesting that half the dues be allocated to the Operating Fund and the other half to the Member Fund. Currently all dues are allocated to the Member fund. It was noted that money can be transferred from the Member Fund to other funds (including the Operating Fund) but that funds cannot be transferred from the Operating Fund to other funds. As such the consensus was to allocate all dues to the Member Fund, as is currently the case.

A brief discussion regarding our Face Book Page took place. P. Brandt indicated that we need to decide if we will sell e-tickets to the show (that can be advertised on Face Book)?

**D. Joppie moved and M. Matson seconded adjournment at 7:25 pm. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted: Craig Roney, Secretary

**Minutes Approved: June 18, 2018**