

Detroit Oakland Chapter Barbershop Harmony Society

October 15, 2018

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Board Attendees: Roger Boyer, Peter Brandt, George Burkett, Geoff

d'Allemand, Doug Joppie, John Marsh, Keith Opal, John Paul, Craig Roney

Absent: Mike Matson,

Guests: Joe DeSantis, Herb Hebner, Dave Montera, Joe Queen, Steve Sutherland

The meeting was convened at 6:28 PM by president Opal.

**G. Burkett moved and P. Brandt seconded a motion that the minutes of September 19, 2018 be approved. Minutes approved.**

Treasurer's Report- No Report

M. Matson submitted the September Treasurer's Report electronically to the Board members for information purposes only. Funds available at the end of September totaled \$23,886.87.

Music Team Meeting (Oct. 1, 2018)- J. Paul

The song list for the 2019 Show was finalized.

**J. Paul moved and P. Brandt seconded a motion to approve \$1,645 for the purchase of new music for the show.**

Re-licensing fees to be paid to ASCAP for the songs "Lean On Me" and

"You Make Me Feel So young" will total @\$200.

Membership- J. Marsh

Since no dues basket was available at last Wednesday's rehearsal, J. Marsh

will remind members at tonight's business meeting to contribute \$4.

Program- G. Burkett

G. Burkett reminded the Board that members need to bring snacks and deserts to the Hospitality room at the Fall Contest.

For Canada Night the flier advertising the event at Contest will include the note: "Open to all members of the Society."

Publicity- R. Boyer

No Report.

Old Business- K. Opal

J. DeSantis shared the results of the Annual Show Survey. Total responses numbered 74 (@ 13% of attendees). Responses to Questions 1, 5, 8, and 13 were highlighted (see the survey results posted on the DOC website).

P. Brandt shared results of an analysis of show ticket sales. He noted that there was a sharp upswing in sales two weeks before the show date and suggested that the chorus take this into consideration in planning future show dates, particularly the suggestion to plan community performances about 2-3 weeks prior to the show date to advertise the show. Additional discussion involved moving the show date to September but to be aware of U. of M. and MSU football schedules in deciding on a date.

At some future rehearsal, time will be allocated to a discussion of the survey results plus the "Everyone in Harmony" movement by the BHS.

New Business- K. Opal

J. Paul purchased flowers for John Balint. Discussion followed regarding how the chapter should cover the cost (\$250).

**C. Roney moved and P. Brandt seconded a motion to pay the \$250 from the Membership Fund then J. Paul would seek donations from the membership during tonight's business meeting with any amount collected over the amount of the bill to remain in the Membership Fund. Motion carried.**

J. Paul will request an invoice for the flowers and turn it in to M. Matson for payment.

J. Kunz indicated that an ad for Canada Night posted on the big screen at the convention would cost \$85. Information to be included in the ad would be the per-person cost of \$20, the location of the event, the date and the start time of 7pm.

D. Montera indicated that Ray Sturdy requested that DOC purchase a reciprocal ad in the Pontiac-Waterford show program.

**G. Burkett moved and C. Roney seconded a motion for DOC to purchase a reciprocal ad in the Pontiac-Waterford show program. (Funding for a reciprocal ad will come from our 2019 show budget.)**

Lynne Pierce has requested that DOC purchase a patron add in her Sweet Adeline choruses' upcoming show program.

**C. Roney moved and G. Burkett seconded a motion for DOC to purchase a \$25 patron ad in Lynne Pierces choruses show program.**

C. Roney will request the purchase from M. Matson.

S. Sutherland generated a discussion regarding the use of Tom Uicker's email address on all our publications (since Tom has changed his email address). J. Kunz suggested that a solution would be for DOC to open a general Detroit-Oakland. org gmail account for \$5/month. He will work with Matt Tipton to look into this possibility.

**G. Burkett moved and D. Joppie seconded a motion for adjournment at 7:27 pm. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted: Craig Roney, Secretary

**Minutes Approved:**