

Board Meeting, September 19, 2018

Board Members in Attendance: Keith Opal, John Paul, Mike Matson, John Marsh, George Burkett, Roger Boyer, Peter Brandt, Geoff d'Allemand, Doug Joppie

Guests: Steve Sutherland, Herb Hebner, Joe DeSantis

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President, Keith Opal

The minutes from the August 2018 board meeting were accepted as written in a motion by George Burkett, seconded by Roger Boyer. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Matson reported that at the beginning of the month there was \$18,943.36

There were receipts for \$10,554.54

A total of \$29,497.90

Expenditures, \$5,654.77

Leaving a total of \$23,843.13

Matson reported that he was still waiting for an invoice from the school.

Music Team John Paul reported that the music team discussed dates for performances and the list is on the website. The only one that is not locked in is Greenfield Village. A couple of possible performances are Veteran's Day and Tree Lighting for Royal Oak.

Joe DeSantis and Jim Kunz are putting out a survey for those that attended the show to get their feedback on the good or bad to see what we can do to improve for next year's show.

We are looking into getting some new songs for the 2019 show. There will be an off-site meeting on September 25 to discuss that.

We have purchased two new Christmas songs, "Frosty the Snowman" and "Deck the Halls"

The team discussed that the Etiquette for the Chapter needs to be re-introduced to the chorus. Jim Kunz is willing to spend roughly 20 minutes on a rehearsal night after contest to answer questions.

Membership John Marsh reported that there are no new applications.

A potential member, Brian Driscoll was given a range test by Jim Kunz who reported that he is not ready to be accepted as a member.

Program VP George Burkett reported that we are sharing the 16th floor of the hotel with at least the Grosse Pointe Chapter for a hospitality room. He is checking to see if we can bring in certain types of food, but we will have to buy drinks from the hotel bar.

Publicity Roger Boyer reported that we still need to get yearbooks distributed to the Royal Oak area.

The Rochester Chapter is running the service project for the fall convention. This is for the Haven of Oakland County, right now the wish list is for industrial product i.e. trash bags, paper plates, etc. Boyer is trying to see if they can't come up with items that would be more personal gear for the residents.

Show Chairman Joe DeSantis reported that he will remain as the show chairman for next years show. He does not want to be in charge of the Jug Night. He said that after running it for three years, it needs a new face with new ideas.

Old Business The survey of the show was discussed in the Music Team report, the addition is that the contact list for performances is available. This list was made by way of ticket sales for the show.

Looking for progress on the Michigan's Children's House. Discussion was about possibly of having a gift/giving tree for the residents. The gifts need to be uniform as in no special item that not everyone can have. We might be able to do a performance for them.

Roger Boyer brought up that he thinks the members need to know what is required to be in the ensemble. Steve Sutherland replied that they are required to know their music "cold" and vowel matching for a start. Guidelines might have to be produced.

Everyone In Harmony was discussed. It needs to be introduced to the members and explained so that they can voice the opinions about whether they want to be a mixed chorus or men only.

New Business the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce is looking to have DOC buy an ad in their Royal Oak in Touch. Roger Boyer will be in touch with them, the prices were very high.

Geoff d'Allemand reported that there is another type of newsletter for the residents called Royal Oak Insight. They run two editions every year, Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter. This is an edition that the Symphony Orchestra has an ad in there constantly.

Big Screen for Convention we need to get our slides together and sent out. Jim Kunz handles that.

Motion to adjourn George Burkett, second John Paul

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Keith M. Opal, President