

Detroit Oakland Chapter Barbershop Harmony Society

February 18, 2019

Board Attendees: Keith Opal, Mike Matson, Jim Kunz, George Burkett, Geoff d'Allemand, Doug Joppie, John Marsh

Absent: Craig Roney, Joe Queen, Peter Brandt

Guests: Steve Sutherland, Herb Hebner, Dave Montera, Joe DeSantis, Dave Czupinski, Kevin Wolf

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by President, Keith Opal.

Burkett made the motion to accept the minutes from the January 21, 2019 meeting. D'Allemand second, Passed.

Treasurers Report – Matson

Matson reported that we had \$2316.66 in receipts, and \$1434.55 in expenditures.

Leaving a total of \$24,476.88

Music Team – Kunz

Kunz has submitted requests for two quartets to perform on the 2019 show. He sent out bids to Frontier and Crossfire. Frontier has a conflict as they are already committed to the Traverse City Chapter for the same date. We're still waiting for a response from Crossfire. The decision was made to swap a song between the chorus and ensemble. You Make Me Feel So Young (ensemble) They All Laughed (chorus). If the merger goes through with Grosse Pointe, then we need to go through their repertoire and add some of their songs in and weed out some of DOC's. There is a possibility of putting on a dinner show, which GP has had success with, and possibly do Singing Valentine's.

Program - Burkett

Burkett reported that the chapter will have a hospitality suite at the hotel in Traverse City for the convention in April. He is looking to do Jug Night on or near May 13, 2019, depending on when Battle Creek is doing their version. The annual

picnic could be in St. Clair Shores around May 13. John Wade and Jim Grogan (GP) are the contacts for that.

Membership – Queen

Tony Williams has been accepted as a new member. Mike Bellino was a guest on 2-11-19 and said he would come back for a visit around 2-25-19. The membership bios are being updated with the assistance of Roger Boyer. He is trying to work out a budget so that he can have necessary supplies.

Show – DeSantis

DeSantis is waiting for the music team to decide if we're doing one or two shows. We could possibly open the balcony for extra seating. We need to file a BMI in order to post the show on District Calendar.

Old Business – Opal

Dave Czupinski and Kevin Wolf reported that Grosse Pointe held their meeting on 2-12-19 and voted to move forward with the merger. The vote was 13 – 1 to approve. Kunz made a motion that DOC would pay the dual membership fees for the GP members if need be. Burkett second. Passed.

We will need a new nominating committee to put together a new board of officers, members that are not serving on either chapter board will be asked to serve. (at the business meeting during rehearsal, five members agreed to be on nominating committee: Tony Williams, DOC, Dave Montera, DOC, Steve Sutherland, DOC, Tony Schulte, GP, Tom Marciano, GP) They need to put together a ballot to be presented to the chapter over three consecutive weeks and then vote to approve from the chapter.

New Business – Opal

Matson brought up that we need to decide if we are going to pay more or roughly the same for property insurance, it currently costs around \$700.

A former member, Gary Prevo passed away. Montera brought up that if he is still a member of DOC, then we should make a donation in his name to the Harmony Foundation.

We are working on updating the DOC website. We will need to make a new chapter name, chorus name, attire, and adding GP history so it does not get lost in the transfer.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith M. Opal, President Detroit-Oakland Chapter