

Greater Detroit Chapter, Barbershop Harmony Society

Monthly Meeting

November 15, 2021

Attendees: Ted Barbret, Geoff d'Allemand, Joe DeSantis, Carl Jones, Keith Opal, Craig Roney, Mike Schulte.

Absent: George Burkett, Jim Kunz, John Marsh.

Guests: Dave Montera, Tony Schulte, Steve Sutherland, Kevin Wolf.

The meeting was convened at 6:33 PM by President DeSantis.

**K. Opal moved and M. Schulte approval of the minutes of October 18, 2021. Motion carried.**

Treasurers Report: M. Schulte posted the report for November, 2021. Funds available totaled \$41,973.89.

Music Team Report: S. Sutherland for J. Kunz: Steve reviewed up-coming performance dates (December 2 & 3, 2021 at the Royal Oak Farmers Market, December 17 at Greenfield Village, Royal Oak Beaumont and Zoo (performance dates to be determined)).

The Music Team will resume regular meetings chaired by J. DeSantis and including the three directors, the chorus manager and choreographer, and the section leaders.

J. DeSantis indicated that the Team and the Board members need to be considering the type of future performances that the chorus needs to plan for since, after the holidays, we have no performances scheduled and since attendance at rehearsals needs to return to pre-pandemic levels for us to return to the type of performances we held prior to Covid. This could include smaller dinner shows held at churches or local restaurants, performances at local/regional venues such as the Royal Oak Parks and Recreation, etc. *He asked that all chorus members begin thinking about identifying alternative types of performances.*

Chapter Development & Membership: G. d'Allemand: Barbershopper-Of-The-Year ballots are available at rehearsal tonight but members can email their vote directly to Geoff.

Geoff reminded us that our performances on Dec. 2 & 3 at the Farmers Market involve Royal Oaks centennial celebration in addition to it being a holiday celebration. ***He also requested that any chorus quartet could serve a Salvation Army bell ringers during the holiday season and to let him know if anyone is interested. He also requested that chorus members consider donating toys/gifts to the RO Salvation Army holiday gift drive (gifts can be purchased through Amazon or purchased individually and dropped off at rehearsal.***

Program Report: No Report

Old Business: J. DeSantis: D. Montera reported that 30 more singing masks should be finished in the near future and will be available to chorus members prior to our holiday performances.

T. Schulte indicated that voting for new board officers will take place tonight at rehearsal after the third reading of the slate. J. DeSantis wondered if our Chorus Standing Regulations need to be altered to potentially reduce the number of Board officers (since the number of chorus members is smaller now). Discussion followed. D. Montera reminded us that our current set of Regulations (dated May 2019) permits us to consider such a reduction of Board officers. Such a reduction would need to be initiated and approved by Board deliberation.

C. Roney moved and T. Barbret seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted: Craig Roney, Secretary

Minutes Approved: January 17, 2022