

**Meeting Notes**  
**HU Board of Directors Meeting**  
**December 20, 2021**

Present: Joe DeSantis, Steve Sutherland, Mike Schulte, Ted Barbret, John Marsh, Carl Jones, Geoff d'Allemand, Dave Montera (guest), Kevin Wolf (guest), Dave Kemp (guest) Tom Uicker (guest)

- Meeting called to order 7: 05 p.m.
- Minutes from meeting of November 15, 2021 tabled—to be approved at January 2022 meeting.
- Total revenue in bank--\$40, 557.

--There will be no donation to HFI for 2021, since the amount of our annual donation is always a percentage of our revenue for the year. This year there was no revenue; therefore no donation to HFI.

--Motion made (by d'Allemand), seconded (by Schulte) and passed to renew GDC's membership in Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce for 2022.

- Old Business:

--d'Allemand reported that 20 votes were cast in election for Barbershopper of the Year for 2021. A clear winner did emerge but has not yet been announced. Plaque will be prepared to be presented during one of our January 2022 meetings.

--DeSantis and Montera reviewed/summarized the outcome of the Pioneer District House of Delegates meeting of December 15. The vote for the slate of Pioneer District Officers resulted in the rejection of the slate presented. The actual vote count was not announced, but it seemed clear that the failure of the current regime to conduct the election in accordance with Pioneer District Bylaws was a major factor in the rejection of the slate. Joe McDonald, District President, verbally assured those present that there will be another election and it will be conducted within the parameters of Pioneer District Bylaws. There has been no new information since that announcement.

- New Business:

It was agreed that our January 3 meeting will be a ZOOM meeting; our January 10 meeting will be an in-person meeting at ROMS; our January 17 meeting (also Martin Luther King day) will be a ZOOM meeting, and our January 24 meeting will be in-person at ROMS.

- Music Team report:

--There was a general airing of members' thoughts about the possibility of performing at the Royal Oak Mid-Winter Blast in early February. We also discussed the broader topic of what GDC should do to develop a performance "focus" for the year, in the high unlikelihood of GDC putting on an annual show in 2022. Such a focus would be a public singing event of some kind that in its size, its scope, and its overall public visibility would, like our annual shows of the past, become the primary focus of our efforts to improve our singing and performing every Monday night. It could also be either or both Pioneer chorus contests scheduled during the year (in April and October), or some combination of contests and "big" sing-out as described above.

--It would have to be later in the year, given:

1) the fact that right now we have somewhere between 6-12 men who for reasons known and/or unknown have not yet resumed singing with us since COVID shut us down in 2020. None of them are likely to come back soon; and when they do they will require time to get themselves ready to perform at the high level we need them to perform and, and

2) the apparent likelihood that COVID will persist and possibly force us to confine our public singing to outdoor events only

--The Mid-Winter Blast, should the opportunity materialize, might meet the criteria described above for size, scope and visibility, but it will happen much too soon to be our focus for a whole year.

It was agreed that we need to do a better job of "focusing" our guys on improving the quality of our singing and performance every Monday night, even without an upcoming so-called "big" event that by itself would create the focus we need. The Christmas holidays gave us a reason to get together every Monday night and sing Christmas carols. That was all to the good, but Christmas caroling obviously won't be there once we get back together in January.

- Meeting adjourned 8:12 p.m.

Minutes Approved: January 17, 2022