

Greater Detroit Chapter, Barbershop Harmony Society

Monthly Meeting

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March 16, 2022

Attendees: Ted Barbret, Geoff d'Allemand, Joe DeSantis, Tom Marciano, Craig Roney, Steve Sutherland.

Absent: George Burkett, Carl Jones, John Marsh, Keith Opal, Mike Schulte.

Guests: Dave Montera, John Paul.

The meeting was convened at 7:02 PM by President DeSantis.

G. d'Allemand moved and T. Barbret seconded approval of the minutes of January 17, 2022. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: J. DeSantis for M. Schulte: The Treasurers Reports for January and February, 2022 have been posted on the website. Funds available at the end of February total \$40,795.89

Music Team Report: S. Sutherland: Steve reported that he, J. Paul, and D. Montera will work on revisions to the "Song Evaluation" report. Outdoor rehearsals during the summer will take place on the fourth Monday of the month (barring a change in the schedule. See Below comments in "Chapter Development & Membership) with the first scheduled on April 25. Ensemble rehearsal will be scheduled the fourth Wednesday of every month. **Steve is recommending that there will be no scheduled chorus rehearsals on the following dates: March 28, May 30, July 4, September 5, October 31, and December 26. The Music Team will need to approve this recommendation.**

Chapter Development & Membership: G. d'Allemand: J. DeSantis will submit to the Royal Oak School District the annual application for the 2022-23 school year to use the Middle School music room for our rehearsals. Geoff indicated that R. O middle school will be closed from mid-June to late summer and will not be available for us as a rehearsal site.

The issue of out-door rehearsal sites for the summer was discussed. Geoff presented multiple alternatives and it was determined that he develop a list of

priority sites that are the most cost-efficient and sites that involve the least interference from the surrounding activity but that have the potential for maximum public exposure. There are two additional issues that require further consideration: whether or not we should utilize many different sites or just 1-3 sites and how many out-door rehearsals there should be each month (which depends, to some extent, on the availability of R. O. middle school). Also, some venues require coverage of liability insurance (D. Montera mentioned that the chorus has liability insurance through BHS and could meet this requirement.)

Program Report: No Report

Old Business: J. DeSantis: Convention Hosting: Doug Weaver communicated with J. DeSantis that a decision has not yet been solidified regarding who will host The Spring, 2022; Fall, 2022; nor Spring, 2023 conventions. GDC could potentially host the Fall, 2022 convention. If so, it was suggested that the sooner we know if about the Fall, 2022, the better. J. DeSantis will follow up with D. Weaver.

Performances in 2022: J. DeSantis suggested that we need to seriously consider scheduling significant performances this year in order to revitalize the chorus. T. Marciano has been working on potential performances for the Summer through Fall in Royal Oak and at Sylvan Lake. There are multiple opportunities to perform at regularly scheduled events in Royal Oak and Sylvan Lake would welcome us to perform at the Pavilion virtually any time. It was suggested that we consider scheduling at least two formal performances (one in Royal Oak and one in Sylvan Lake) for August, perhaps, and in the Fall. The Royal Oak performances require a formal application process (with application deadlines). We could apply in May for an October performance. J. DeSantis, T. Marciano, and S. Sutherland will meet with Helen Jane Peterson to schedule a performance at Sylvan Lake.

New Business: J. DeSantis: J. Paul raised the issue of when the chorus should consider dropping the mask mandate for rehearsals. Several members indicated that there continues to be a need for personal mask protection for the near future. C. Roney suggested that we keep the current mask mandate for the remainder of March and the month of April then reconsider the policy as we move into out-door and subsequent rehearsals. There was general agreement that any member who feels the need to wear a mask should always feel comfortable to do so.

C. Roney moved and G. d'Allemand seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted: Craig Roney, Secretary

Minutes Approved: