

Greater Detroit Chapter, Barbershop Harmony Society

Monthly Meeting

April 18, 2022

Attendees: Ted Barbret, George Burkett, Geoff d'Allemand, Joe DeSantis, Carl Jones, John Marsh, Keith Opal, Craig Roney, Mike Schulte Steve Sutherland.

Absent: Tom Marciano.

Guests:

The meeting was convened at 6.33 PM by President DeSantis.

S. Sutherland moved and J. Marsh seconded approval of the minutes of March 16 and March 28, 2022. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: M. Schulte: The Treasurers Reports for March, 2022 will be posted on the website later this week. Funds available at the end of March total \$40,796.66

Music Team Report: S. Sutherland: At their meeting on ????, The Music Team graded our current performance songs and announced a performance scheduled for Sylvan Lake on July 18. T. Marciano will follow up requesting a performance at the Royal Oak Arts Beats & Eats (September 2-5, 2022). J. Kunz will develop a script for our upcoming performances (brief introductions for each of the songs). Regarding the Zoo Performance on June 1, D. Montera has submitted the W-9 and it was agreed that S. Sutherland would sign the contracts when the Zoo submits them to us.

Chapter Development & Membership: G. d'Allemand: Geoff indicated that the Zoo will sponsor four "roving" performances during the upcoming year. The Ensemble could perform at them.

Program Report: G. Burkett: There was discussion regarding moving the risers out to performance sites (4-5 risers might fit in George's Van.

Old Business: J. DeSantis: Joe communicated to Doug Weaver that GDC will not be able to host the Fall, 2022 Convention. He will follow up with D. Montera regarding chorus liability insurance when we rehearse outdoors.

New Business: J. DeSantis: T. Uicker asked the Board to consider renewal of the Marketing Mail Permit (\$265/year). **S. Sutherland moved and K. Opal seconded a motion to renew the Marketing Mail Permit. Motion carried.**

There was discussion regarding the mystery check sent from Harmony foundation (\$1,000.) No one recalled committing to working with the Boys and Girls Club to promote Barbershop singing. Joe contacted HFI with the following message: GDC will hold the check for the time being. If we don't hear back from HFI in a reasonable amount of time, we'll return the check to HFI. If we do hear back from HFI, then, depending on what we learn at that point, we'll either act on what the grant calls for us to do, donate (with HFI's concurrence) the proceeds to a charity of our choice, or return the check to HFI with a note expressing our regrets.

There was discussion regarding mandatory mask wearing during future rehearsals. **S. Sutherland moved and C. Roney seconded a motion making optional mask wearing at indoor and outdoor rehearsals in the future (to be announced at the break in tonight's rehearsal) and recommending that members get a second booster shot (Members will not be required to show documentation of boosting). Motion carried.**

Note: members are still required to get vaccinated and are encouraged to skip rehearsal if they are sick.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Craig Roney, Secretary

Minutes Approved: May 16, 2022