

Greater Detroit Chapter, Barbershop Harmony Society

Monthly Meeting

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August 15, 2022

Attendees: Keith Opal; Steve Sutherland; Ted Barbret (ZOOM); Joe DeSantis (ZOOM); Geoff D'Allemand (ZOOM); Mike Schulte; John Paul (Guest)

Absent: George Burkett; Carl Jones; Tom Marciano; John Marsh; Craig Roney

1. Meeting opened at 6:15 p.m. Opal moved, Sutherland seconded approval of minutes of June 20 Board meeting.
2. Financial review: Mike Schulte reported July 2022 receipts of \$720; checking account balance of \$37,410; savings balance of \$2,751 for total balance of \$40,172.38.
3. Music Team report: Steve Sutherland reported that "Looking through the World with Rose-Colored Glasses," "Moonlight Becomes You," and "Bare Necessities of Life" have been added to the repertoire. "That Old Quartet of Mine" has been dropped (may be used at funerals and memorial occasions); not yet dropped but next in line to be dropped will be "Give My Regards to Broadway" and "On a Wonderful Day Like Today." For the Chorus Ensemble, Steve has chosen "Longest Time" and is still searching for a second song for that group.

Steve has been in contact with the Royal Oak Symphony, which has asked us to keep December 9 and December 16 open as possible dates for the ROS Christmas concert; GDC will be asked to "open" for the ROS at that event.

We have been contacted by Ascension/Providence hospitals with a request sing at Providence hospitals in Southfield and Novi this Christmas. Performances would include moving from nurses' stations to nurses' stations on each floor, as per our performances in pre-COVID Christmas seasons.

Steve remains "hesitant" to revive the old Grosse Pointe chapter's Christmas "bus tour."

Steve reports no progress to date in search for a new coach to work with the Chorus (Lynne Peirce is unavailable due to her own Monday night chorus commitment).

We have not been invited to perform at Arts Beats & Eats in Royal Oak on Labor Day Weekend.

Applications not yet available for possible Christmas gigs at Greenfield Village and Detroit Zoo.

We will use Royal Oak's Normandy Oaks Park for our July 29 Monday-night meeting.

4. Geoff D'Allemand has a call in to Robin Newsome of Royal Oak Schools re the use of ROHS or ROMS practice rooms beginning in the fall. He will request the High School (over ROMS) room we have been using, mainly because of its superior acoustics, or possibly one of ROHS's other practice rooms, provided we can get some storage space to go along with it.
5. New Business—Steve is requesting a budget of \$1,000 for the purchase of new music for the upcoming year. Motion to approve that amount from Steve, seconded by Keith.

Joe DeSantis will approach Sylvan Lake about a Monday night performance during the summer of 2023.

We will continue monthly Monday-night outdoor meetings into the fall, weather permitting.

DeSantis advised the Board that Pioneer President Chris Berry has created a "Presidents' Advisory Council," consisting of all Chapter Presidents and one optional additional member from each chapter, to meet monthly (or possibly bi-monthly) to exchange information among themselves about chapter happenings, new ideas, etc. Berry and Jamie Carey (Executive VP of Pioneer) will NOT attend those meetings; notes will be taken and submitted to them afterwards. Berry's hope is that these meetings will keep each chapter "in the know" re what is going on in the District, new ideas being implemented, etc. The question came up as to the possible use of the House of Delegates meetings for such purposes; the response was that the HOD exists exclusively to vote on proposals from the District.

DeSantis asked the group to begin thinking about ways to successfully draw chapter members who have not been attending our Monday night sessions back "into the fold." To be discussed at future Board meetings.

6. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. Motion by Mike Schulte, seconded by Steve Sutherland.