

Greater Detroit Chapter, Barbershop Harmony Society

Monthly Meeting

Draft

September 26, 2022

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

Absent: Tom Marciano.

Guests: John Paul, Kevin Wolf.

The meeting was convened at 6:11 PM by President DeSantis.

**G. d'Allemand moved and M. Schulte seconded approval of the minutes of August 15, 2022. Motion carried.**

**Treasurers Report:** M. Schulte: Funds on hand at the end of August totaled \$39,513.13.

**Music Team Report:** S. Sutherland: At their meeting on September 12, The Music Team graded our current performance repertoire. New songs added to the chorus repertoire include: "Bare Necessities," "Moonlight Becomes You," and "Rose Colored Glasses;" songs deleted include: "Regards to Broadway" and "Old Quartet." "For the Longest Time" was added to the Ensemble repertoire. Two potential new coaches were identified.

Upcoming performance dates include Royal Oak Tree Lighting on Dec. 1; Royal Oak Symphony on Dec. 9 or 16; Ascension Providence (Novi & Southfield) in Dec. An application to sing at Greenfield Village will be submitted with dates in order of preference on 1) Dec. 19, 2) Dec. 3) Dec 4. A Wild Lights Zoo performance is also possible. Christmas songs to be added to the repertoire include "We Need a Little Christmas" and "Christmas Chopsticks."

Participation in Spring, 2023 contest was discussed. Results of the current poll suggest that the members are evenly split regarding whether or not to participate. A second participation poll will be repeated in late December or January, 2023.

Regarding a 2023 show, consideration will be given to performing in smaller venues such as the Village Players Theater. Impromptu appearances and/or rehearsals in various downtown Royal Oak sites (such as Royal Oak Commons) was discussed.

**Chapter Development & Membership:** G. d'Allemand: Geoff has been in contact with Judy Davids (Royal Oak Dept. of Community Development) regarding possible performances in downtown Royal Oak. He has also contacted John Fedele (Royal Oak Parks & Recreation) and Christine Perez (Royal Oak Chamber of commerce) regarding both paid and free advertisements of the chorus in various publications.

**Program Report:** G. Burkett: No report.

**Old Business:** J. DeSantis: No Report.

**New Business:** J. DeSantis: John Paul and Cliff Stevens are the Nominating Committee and have begun work to identify office candidates.

Joe requested the Board to consider developing an overriding plan for future performances.

Joe provided an update on meetings held by the District President's Advisory Council. The purpose of the council is to identify district issues to be dealt with and issues to Chris Berry and Jamie Carey. One such issue involves improving notification to the membership of the various district events.

Several chorus members met on Saturday, Sept. 24 at D. Montera's pole barn to sort through a variety of holdings by the chapter. Lots of dated programs and paperwork was tossed out. But costumes, scenery from previous shows, award plaques, etc. remain.

**C. Roney moved and G. d'Allemand seconded a motion to have D. Montera bring all the plaques to a future rehearsal for distribution to members. Remaining items not claimed will be sent to 1-800-Junk.**

Old uniforms and clothing items not claimed by members (and other items yet to be determined) will also be sent to 1-800-Junk. Members wishing to claim some of these items need to contact D. Montera.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Craig Roney, Secretary

Minutes Approved: