

Greater Detroit Chapter, Barbershop Harmony Society

Monthly Meeting

April 17, 2023

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

Absent: Mike Schulte.

Guests: John Paul, Pete Peters.

The meeting was convened at 6:01 PM by President DeSantis.

**G. Burkett moved and T. Barbret seconded approval of the minutes of March 20, 2023. Motion carried.**

**It should be noted that Brouhaha (the first item reported in these minutes) is no longer being considered as a guest quartet for our Fall, 2023 show.**

**Treasurers Report** No Report

**Music Team Report:** S. Sutherland: The September 30, 2023 show has been confirmed for the Royal Oak First Methodist Church. Jennifer Jones will serve as stage manager and Jim Kunz will develop the show script to be delivered the first week in July, 2023.

Performances at the zoo (senior days) have been confirmed for June 7, 2023 and September 13, 2023 both from 11am-2pm plus a performance at Sylvan Lake on July 24, 2023.

**Chapter Development & Membership:** G. d'Allemand: There is an opportunity to staff a booth at the Royal Oak Live event on June 24, 25, 2023 for the purpose of promoting the chorus, particularly recruiting new members. There likely will be no cost to the chorus (since we're members of the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce who sponsors the event. The Board agreed to participate.

An ad for the chorus will appear in *Royal Oak Today* this quarter.

Two regional quartets (Quorum and Core) have indicated that they could perform at the Fall, 2023 show. Notification of acceptance for the quartet, New Fangled

Four is pending. The prevailing opinion is that we will invite two quartets but a final decision will be made if/when New Fangled four agrees to perform.

Tom Marciano has agreed to develop the show program (probably play-bill sized rather than magazine sized but will include patron ads).

There was discussion regarding whether performing quartet members need to be BHS members. John Paul reminded us that the chorus has relaxed the rules to permit participation by non-members.

Craig Roney presented location information and cost estimates for the Afterglow (prepared by Judy and Ray Sturdy) following our Fall show. He requested approval of the venue (Pronto, a restaurant adjacent to the First Presbyterian) and indicated that the room rental fee would be \$500 (requiring a \$250 deposit). The restaurant will let us use two rooms, include a cash bar and will alter the food costs depending on the number of people who attend. He suggested that the Board settle on a designated per-person fee and agree to supplement the remaining cost with subsidy from the chorus. The fee structure will be determined at a later Board meeting.

**K. Opal moved and G. Burkett seconded a motion to approve the use of Pronto Restaurant as the Afterglow venue. Motion carried.**

**Old Business:** J. DeSantis: D. Montera is working to clear his pole-barn of chorus holdings no longer needed by the chorus. Print records will be delivered to the Pioneer District historian and other things (such as old uniforms, etc.) will be disposed of.

K. Opal has paid for several rooms at the up-coming district convention and reminded us that the chorus paid for the room for our president. He will present a bill for one room (for J. DeSantis) to M. Schulte for reimbursement.

**New Business:** J. DeSantis: *Steve Sutherland announced that he will retire from the chorus at the end of 2023. J. DeSantis indicated that Dave Montera will also be retiring from the chorus at the same time.*

*As such, the chorus will need to search for a new director. A job description is being developed for the position. Discussion followed involving the implication of these retirements for the chorus.*

**G. Burkett moved and C. Roney seconded approval to adjourn at 6:57 PM.**

Respectfully submitted: Craig Roney, Secretary

Minutes Approved: May 15, 2023