

Greater Detroit Chapter, Barbershop Harmony Society

Monthly Meeting

May 15, 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 6:03 PM by President DeSantis.

G. Burkett moved and G. d' Allemand seconded approval of the minutes of Feb. 15 (amended), April 17, & May 8, 2023. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report No Report

Music Team Report: S. Sutherland: For the September 30, 2023 show, Tom Force will serve as MC. The start time will be 6:59 PM. It was suggested that the chorus be fed food (subs) before the show.

Performance times for the zoo (senior days) have been altered: 20-minute sets (no longer 40 minutes) with the same start times (11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM). The Music Team will select 5-6 songs to be performed.

Maurice Anderson, from the Zoo, contacted Steve wanting to know if the chorus would be willing to perform at the Polk-Penguin area of the zoo on select Saturdays, and Sundays from 11AM to 3 PM from June through September. It isn't known, at this time, if these would be paid performances. Steve will follow up.

New Fangled Four travel arrangements have been clarified (four plane tickets, coach class). We need to supply one person to staff their merchandise booth during the performance.

The show contract for the quartet CORE will be completed this week.

It was recommended that a rehearsal in June be scheduled for First Methodist Church.

Chapter Development & Membership: G. d'Allemand: Three new members have joined the chorus: James Booker (bass), Daniel Falker (bass), and Rick Buxton (tenor-lead).

Geoff is suggesting that we place ads inviting new singers in area church bulletins.

Geoff will poll the chorus tonight to see who would be willing to staff a booth at Royal Oak Live and who would be willing to clean graves on May 19 &/or May 27.

Old Business: J. DeSantis: A recruiting/search committee for a new director has been identified. The committee will meet this week to establish ground rules for completion of the search and selection of a new director. Two viable candidates for the position have been identified.

New Business: The display sign for the chorus needs revision (replacing the old chapter name with the new one). John Paul and Geoff will work on it.

C. Roney moved and G. Burkett seconded approval to adjourn at 6:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Craig Roney, Secretary

Minutes Approved: June 19, 2023