

Greater Detroit Chapter, Barbershop Harmony Society

Monthly Meeting

October 16, 2023

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

Guests: John Bradsher (prospective new chorus member)

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

S. Sutherland moved and M. Schulte seconded approval of the minutes of Sept. 11 (Special Meeting), & Sept. 18, 2023 (amended: MC- Tom Force not Blake Roster). Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: M. Schulte: Current balances : Checking: \$29, 714.15;
Money Market: \$2,763.36.

Music Team Report: S. Sutherland:

Times for holiday performances include Royal Oak Tree Lighting, Nov. 30 (Th); Royal Oak Symphony, Dec. 8 (F), 7:30 pm; Providence Hospital Novi, Dec. 12 (Tu), 6 pm; Detroit Zoo Wild Lights, Dec. 16 (S), 5:45-9:45 pm; Providence Hospital Southfield, Dec. 19 (Tu), 6 pm; Detroit Zoo Wild Lights, Jan 6, 2024 (S), 5:45-9:45 pm. A performance at Royal Oak Corwell (Beaumont) is not likely to happen. Greenfield Village possible dates are Dec. 3, 10, 21, 22.

G. d' Allemand is encouraging chorus members to form quartets for Salvation Army bell ringing two-hour stints in Royal Oak. Contact Geoff.

Regarding repertoire songs, the current version of the Armed Forces medley (without the Space Force song) will be retained with the Space Force included version learned when there is a demand that we include it.

Mike Schulte will take over handling Christmas scarfs and Joe DeSantis will take over handling chorus shirts and name badges (taken over from Steve Sutherland).

Chapter Development & Membership: G. d'Allemand: New members James Brooker and Rick Buxton have applied for membership in BHS but have not received confirmation from them; will need follow-up.

Old Business: J. DeSantis: The trailer has been transferred from D. Montera to G. Burkett.

John Paul will assume responsibilities of Music VP.

Remaining material in D. Montera's poll barn will be hauled away by 1-800-Junk (with the exception of any trophies and plaques). G. d'Allemand will transfer the riser seats to G. Burkett for storage in the trailer

New Business: S. Sutherland: Transfer of Responsibilities & Registrations from Music Director & Chorus Director (S. Sutherland)

Regarding our Web Site: Matt Tipton controls it (we pay him \$100/year to do this. *The registration information and mailing address for the site will have to be changed from S. Sutherland.* Steve indicated that no one has contacted us via the web site so there is little responsibility involved.

The G-Suite administration account will be cancelled (a savings of \$18.00/year).

Regarding Facebook & HTML website Administration: Currently staffed by Steve and K. Opal. We will need a new person who knows how to operate Facebook to staff it. John Paul volunteered. The HTML website files include all of our learning tracks. *Steve indicated that he would still handle the learning track files for us.*

Steve indicated that he still holds the "Audacity" files of part recordings from BHS (lousy in his estimation) and MP3 players, charger, & files. He holds the

"Finale" files (print version of our music) *that will need to be transferred to someone who knows "Finale" and owns a 2014 version (or newer), perhaps Gerry Milkie or the new director.*

We will need a new choreographer who will also take over the choreography videos. Jen Jones was suggested as choreographer.

Steve holds the original contest DVDs, the DVD duplicator, old cassette part recordings, JVC 4-track recorder, and cassette duplicator. George Burkett will take them.

LogoUp registration (GDC logo merchandise on shirts, hats) account will transfer to G. d' Allemand.

Contact information for the Detroit Zoo, Henry Ford, Beaumont, Providence (Novi, Southfield) hospitals, City of Royal Oak, Royal Oak Symphony will be transferred to Tom Marciano.

S. Sutherland moved and G. d' Allemand seconded approval to adjourn at 6:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Craig Roney, Secretary

Minutes Approved: February 6, 2024