

Greater Detroit Chapter, Barbershop Harmony Society

Monthly Meeting

February 15, 2023

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

Absent: Tom Marciano, Mike Schulte.

Guests: John Paul, Herb Hebner, Pete Peters.

The meeting was convened at 6:00 PM by President DeSantis.

**S. Sutherland moved and G. Burkett seconded approval of the minutes of January 23, 2023. Motion carried.**

**Treasurers Report** No Report

**Music Team Report:** S. Sutherland: Regarding a show theme, the Team decided that the theme for our upcoming show will involve the notion of “not staying at home” and be travel related.

A performance at Sylvan Lake is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 24.

A Song List was approved including six new songs ( “California, Here I Come,” ” Do You Know What It Means To Miss New Orleans,” “Lets Get Away From It All,” “Summer Sounds,” “Toot, Toot, Tootsie Goodbye,” and “Under the Boardwalk.”

**Chapter Development & Membership:** J. DeSantis & G. d'Allemand: Discussion involved the location of the Fall Show to be either the Royal Oak High School Auditorium or the Royal Oak First United Methodist Church. Both venues have a smaller amount of seating than the Middle School Auditorium, have sufficient free parking, and have space for the After Glow. Geoff believes that the rental, custodial, and technical cost for the Church venue would be a quarter of the cost of the High School. Geoff will finalize the performance date (Oct. 23 or 30).

The Music Team will need to decide on a guest quartet to perform at the Show

**Program Report:** G. Burkett: Planning for the picnic is ongoing.

**Old Business:** J. DeSantis: Criteria for selecting the Barbershopper-of-the-Year will be discussed and determined in the Fall, 2023.

**New Business:** J. DeSantis: The Ensemble has been temporarily suspended due to problematic quality of performance to date.

**G. Burkett moved and T. Barbret seconded a motion to have a formal show in 2023. Motion carried.**

K. Opal indicated that he has made room reservations for the president to attend the district convention in Grand Rapids and reminded us that the chorus has paid for that reservation in the past. Evenin Gentlemen will be performing at the convention.

**G. Burkett moved and C. Roney seconded approval to adjourn at 6:49 PM.**

Respectfully submitted: Craig Roney, Secretary

Minutes Approved: May 15, 2023