

PIONEER DISTRICT, BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY
MINUTES
HOUSE OF DELEGATE'S MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: District President Brian Dunckel called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.. The singing of "The Old Songs" followed.

QUORUM: Secretary Joe Serwach announced that a quorum was present. Thirty officers and delegates out of a possible fifty-three were present.

MEMORIALS: George Doyle paid tribute to barbershoppers who have passed away this year. Fourteen fallen members were honored: Robert Wisdom, Jim Hall, Jerry Kehrer, Don Gutheil, Wayne Cheyne, Vic Hemler, Donald Huldin, Marv Burke, Bill Weitschat, Ernie Richmond, Chet Cutshall, John Brainard, Burt West and Ron Mell.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the April 2010 House of Delegates Meeting had been previously distributed by e-mail attachment. Discussion and comments were invited and there were none. Motion to accept the Minutes as submitted was made by Windsor's Doran McTaggart, supported by Robb Smith. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Robb Smith reported the District expected to finish in the black for the end of the year with a fund balance of \$53,000 well beyond the 20 percent goal. Last year's Rockin Barbershop suffered a loss. For 2010-2011 expect some lower participation levels but if registrations increase, we could wind up in black again. Ellinger moved to receive report and approve budget and Roger Lewis seconded.
Budget approved.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: President Brian Dunckel asked for contributions for District Youth Fund. Said if each man brought in one new member every seven years, could double but only 40 percent bring in any members. Once dues paid our expenses but those days are long gone. Now need the support of Harmony Foundation, charitable giving. Twenty two percent of new members last year were under 25 so support from us would help those numbers grow.

SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE GREG CAETONO Spent half my life in barbershop. On 9/11 found great comfort in California Masters of Harmony meeting because I was supposed to be on a plane that day but I lived because I left to be there with those guys a day early. We're ready for Mid-Winter in Las Vegas. Current registration is now double what it was for Tampa (previous No. 1) for this event. All past Harmonizers are now online including the first issue in 1941, then known as Recordings. Today is day all chapters are supposed to have elected their 2011 chapter officers and enter into eBiz. How are we doing at that? Leaving board so not certain who will be your new District Rep. Opened the floor to questions. Said we're not in good shape for 1090-N forms. Many chapters haven't. Seventeen of Pioneer's 28 chapters have filed.

EV NAU, HARMONY FOUNDATION Pioneer is most aptly named district because so many firsts and Pioneer spirit. I don't want your wallet. I want your heart. If I get your heart, wallet will follow. Today Society is facing worst and best of trends. Declining membership and sales over 25 years but a new

source of revenue has grown: Harmony Foundation: have given Society more than \$2.5 million. We are a charity: we change lives. You don't think we're changing lives, think again. Teach kids integrity, values, music is actually fifth on the list of things teachers like about what we do for their kids. This is like football for kids who can't play past high school. Went to 2600 kids in 2008, to 7600 in 2010. These kids are not only going, but they're coming back. Giving \$1.2 million to Society this year including four on the road, sending four college guys on road for a year, singing at schools across country. Also Four on a Tag, can get them to come to your chapter to help. Neither can be introduced until money is available for them. There is no gift too small. Seven percent of members donate now.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Consent Calendar Reports of the District Officers were submitted. Motion to accept the Consent Calendar Reports was made by Earl Berry, supported by Grosse Pointe's Doug Wheeler. Motion carried.

Toby Shaver: planning events for a top gun coaching session at Leadership Academy and in May, would like to bring back the mini HEP program. Encouraged members to take advantage of the Standing Ovation program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Doug Lynn coordinated CACM (Compellingly Attractive Chapter Meetings) program. Got 98 people to show up. There was an extended standing ovation for Chuck Green. It's almost like the new bible in barbershop. Get it and read it.

Conventions: Muskegon is strong possibility for 2014.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Brian Dunckel, President is serving second year of a two year term
EVP Doug Weaver
Secretary Joe Serwach
Treasurer Robb Smith

All supported.

OTHER BUSINESS:

\$109 for our Youth Fund from passing around hat. Board is supporting Northern Rhapsody youth chorus you'll hear tonight.

Joe McDonald introduced Northern Rhapsody. Will be 20 guys on stage tonight. If you as individuals want to help them, let me know. Leadership Academy coming January 8, get all your guys there. Announcement about Canada Night.

TWO YEAR ROTATION: Members discussed proposal by International to change the rotation for International. Are there other things that can be done to build energy. some did international trips. Westminster became chorus of the world. Macomb was rep for years, refused to be a two song chapter. Went seven or more years in a row and now don't go. Seems like opportunity to sit out is there, ought to be able to choose to do so. some asked if there is a risk that quality of performance drops. One chapter favored, seven opposed, eight undecided.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Earl Berry supported by President Brian Dunkel.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

