

PIONEER DISTRICT, BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY
MINUTES
HOUSE OF DELEGATE'S MEETING
October 14, 2011

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. Twenty-eight officers and delegates out of a possible fifty-three were present.

MEMORIALS: George Doyle paid tribute to 9 barbershoppers who have passed away this year: Richard Wiering, Samuel Ellis, James Gougeon, Elton Vandezande, John Fair, Harry White, John Wilson, Robert Lamkin, Jack Golding and Phillip Haines.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the April 2011 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 Earl Berry. Seconded by Doran McTaggart. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Robb Smith reported the District has a \$15,000 surplus. Lewis moved to receive the report. Seconded by Barry.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: President Brian Dunckel said the audit showed Robb Smith's work on finances had been excellent. During chapter visits found the original Articles of Incorporation for the District from January 1965. The earliest known rear view mirror appeared at Indy 500 in 1911. Recapped his Dare to Make a Difference agenda and the success of the district over the past three years: a full board and management team and Pioneer's leadership. New convention sites: Muskegon, Grand Rapids. Altered Leadership Academy. Added to Pioneer Youth Fund. Sponsored Chuck Greene's compelling meeting, first Youth Chorus Northern Rhapsody, Pioneer Youth Camp, Great Lakes Harmony Brigade. Still need a Troubadour editor, which we haven't had since 2009.

SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE DWAYNE COOPER, Society Treasurer Concerned about Portland because of distance. Membership has now dipped below 25,000. Two new chartered chapters this year. Ten Harmony Explosion camps have been held. Las Vegas was the biggest MidWinter ever: 2500. New international affiliate: Spain. CEO search: Received nine applications from barbershoppers and six from non barbershoppers. Operation Henry Hill is retuning. Fifty six percent of new members quit within two years.

EV NAU, HARMONY FOUNDATION Through Harmony Foundation, you can donate up to 30 percent come back to district and chapter. Last year, 7 percent of members were involved. Now we are at 10 percent but we need to be above 25 to 30 percent to get corporations involved. Consider making a gift as a chapter. We are on the rise. Was asked about Harmony Foundation getting its own song the way Logopedics had "We sing that they shall speak." Lewis noted 32 kids were being helped by Logopedics. Now hundreds are being helped. Macomb getting \$358 through Donors Choice. DOC 58 Grand Rapids \$105, Lansing \$49, Battle Creek \$312, Flint \$90. Huron Valley \$36 and Mount Pleasant \$319.

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.

Nels: Youth in Harmony hopes to sponsor more choruses and events
Finance: From 37 to 128 giving to Harmony Foundation

Jerry Ditto: 2012 in Battle Creek for two conventions. Proposed Grand Rapids for spring of 14. Think will be at DeVos Worship Center, spring Grand Rapids and fall 14 in Muskegon. Proposed 15 back to Battle Creek in spring and probably back here in fall 15. Grand Rapids proposed 14, 16 and 18 to lock into prices. Looking into that.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vote spring 14 in Grand Rapids and spring of 15 in Battle Creek and fall back in Kalamazoo. Roger Lewis moved. All approved.

Approved a budget that the board expects to update in January. Nels approved and Tom Ulicker seconded. Motion carried.

Election of officers: President Doug Weaver (two years), EVP Dan Bazaire, Treasurer Robb Smith and Secretary Joe Serwach. Lewis moved election by acclamation. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Larry Parker supported by President Brian Dunkel. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.