

PIONEER DISTRICT, BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY
MINUTES
HOUSE OF DELEGATE'S MEETING
April 20, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: District President Doug Weaver 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-five officers and delegates out of a possible fifty-three were present.

MEMORIALS: Paul Ellinger paid tribute to 10 barbershoppers who have passed away this year.:

1. Derrick Deakins (76), Macomb
2. Bernie Sackett, Michiana Metro
3. Don Dawson (83), DOC
4. Dr. Len Piggott, Wayne
5. Alan Johnson, Lansing
6. Bill Wood, Windsor
7. William "Bill" Daudlin, Grosse Pointe
8. Herman Dykema (90), Kalamazoo --- Fmr Pioneer DVP and recipient of 4 Bronze Stars in WWII which are given for bravery or heroism.
9. Ken Hampbel (97), Muskegon
10. Jack Essenberg (99) - Joined the Holland Chapter at its second meeting in 1945. His quartet had a gig the first week

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 finances are in good shape.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: The Troubadour is back. Huge thanks to Greg Humbel. He will gather the news and hand it to others to help. Pioneer has lead Society in enrollment in Harold Hill, 100 percent while other districts have fewer than half. Our guy Paul Ellinger is traveling across the country talking about how effective Super Charging your chapter is. But it's Paul! We know Paul and yes, we should be listening to Paul! Opening line ``So where do you like to do your singing?" Now saying ``so where do you like to do your drinking?" Lose a lot of guys within first three years, make sure they're not lost. Trying to raise \$10,000 to support youth competitions.

SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE JIM SANS Great things happening in Pioneer guys. You're living up to your name. Really impressed with what's going on. There is a CEO search still going on. We interviewed many but decided to move on. Hired firm, hoping to have someone by Portland. Couple task forces have been formed: Charter Revocation Task Force to improve. Currently that responsibility is squarely on the shoulders of the Society President. Second task force is focused on global strategy. We're on verge of having international champions from our affiliates which would be difficult to fulfill obligations so working out ways for them to become full Society members. Pioneer is one of my favorite

districts. Doran McTaggart presented Jim with the ``Canadian Crystal Award," two hotel glasses.

SEAN DEVINE, HARMONY FOUNDATION Sing lead in OC Times, champs in 2008 (and off year). Will be doing our first ever Pioneer show October 27. Foundation is in its 52nd anniversary. You have the premier financial VP . College quartet contest: any quartet that qualifies for international now gets a \$1500 scholarship (used to be nothing for 6 place on down). Midwinter now rivaling International because so many youth choruses. This January will be 6th annual youth chorus contest, in Orlando. Really believe youth chorus festival will be a page turning event, Seven percent of society -- now 15 percent involved in Ambassador of Song. Have 20 people in President's Council, \$1000 and up and 160 in Ambassador of Song. Chapter Giving Awards: 10 chapters receiving chapter recognition awards: bronze \$40.31 per man Lansing \$40.47 Kalamazoo \$44 DOC, \$50.98 Huron Valley \$58.54 Mount Pleasant, \$60.45 Michiana Metro \$83.75 Macomb, \$98.38 Hillsdale, \$345 per man Grand Rapids. \$475.6 per man: Battle Creek. Can elect to give 30 percent back to chapter or district \$2751 back to Pioneer for past six months. Average age was 48 two years ago. But 23 percent were under 26. Most recruited age two years ago: 19. More than any other age. Any correlation to success of these youth programs? Amen.

Joe McDonald encouraged people to participate in SuperCharge your chapter July 14 and August 20

Jerry Ditto updated list of future conventions booked as far out as 2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

None, 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 Dunckel. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.