

PIONEER DISTRICT- BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY

MINUTES

MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

April 23, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Pioneer District President Brian Dunckel called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. in the Kalamazoo Radisson Plaza Hotel and directed the group in the singing of The Old Songs.

ATTENDANCE: Serwach reported that a quorum was present. (Also in attendance were Society Board Rep. Greg Caetano, Brian Dunckel, Joe McDonald, Roger Lewis, Robb Smith, George Doyle, Toby Shaver and Paul Ellinger)

PRODUCT OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The Product of the October 16, 2009 Management Team meeting had been distributed by e-mail attachment. Discussion was invited and there was no discussion. Motion to approve as submitted was made by Lewis, supported Smith. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Financial reports had been distributed by e-mail attachment. Treasurer Robb Smith explained the proposed dues increase.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Dunckel noted that our registration fees are the lowest in the Society and would continue to be the lowest after the increase. He also reviewed new events being proposed for 2010. He also said we would need to gather to update the District Policy Manual.

CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS: President Dunckel had our Management Team Directors review the highlights of the Consent Calendar Reports.

George: Reviewed efforts to increase membership and the 16 men ho have died since the last convention.

Toby Shaver: some progress toward doing a mini-HEP. Planning for September 25 in Okemos. Would like to plan a top gun but it's more likely to be a mini-HEP. Would like to get all chapters to receive show evaluations. Goals: want to visit a lot of chapters.

Paul Ellinger: Encourage more people to get involved. For example, producing The Troubadour is too much for any one person but a committee of several people might have better luck spreading the duties among multiple people. We need to be at a point where multiple people are working on it. Make more approachable.. Need to start selling the camaraderie more, not contest. Serwach suggested establishing a Pioneer District Facebook page and did so after the meeting, soon attracting more than 300 fans, more than any other district fan page in the Society. Lewis asked if something similar to LiveWire could be done

to communicate with members. He said he would like to see the paper one go away with copies being printed out for the small number of men not on email.

Jerry Ditto: Am excited about upcoming Grand Rapids convention. Amway didn't want us (can't sing after 10) but at Crowne we were quite welcome. The auditorium is very nice, a short drive and a good fit. Did spend time looking at Lansing. Nothing's worked out yet. We're booked through 2013, looking at 2014 now.

Don Slamka: also getting a lot of people involved with efforts. Got a bunch of materials would like to put on web site. Lewis asked if there are good materials on how to help chapters find good directors when they are in search of one.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Director of Events Jerry Ditto, supported by Serwach. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Serwach, Pioneer District Secretary