

## **Pioneer District Management Team meeting, January 8, 2012**

Opened the meeting with the singing of the Old Songs at 10:01 a.m. All five board members, Doug Weaver, Brian Duncel, Dan Bezaire, Joe Serwach and Robb Smith, members were present along with Management Team members Paul Ellinger, Don Slamka, Joe McDonald,, Pete Westers and Jerry Ditto.

Minutes: Smith moved minutes from the October meetings be approved. Passed unanimously.

Financial Reports. We don't have a new budget yet because it's so early in the year.

President's Report: Leadership Academy went well. Looking forward to working with all of you. Paul is quickly becoming a superstar in the Society. Getting more people involved in Harmony Foundation. Encourage all chapters to sign up for Operation Harold Hill. Five signed up, want as many as possible.

Joe McDonald: Sixty-one general surveys. Twenty of the 28 chapters were here. Quite a few districts get less than half of their chapters involved. Got approached by people asking when next CACM will be.

Paul: The whole goal is to grow the district. Ontario after they saw everything had half their district signed up. Suggest each of us have two or three chapters we call in to. Suggesting consider assigning chapters to each of us. Don calling every chapter director.

Pete: Need pride in how well we sing and perform. Sometimes we overwhelm ourselves with too many weekends and events. Envision sort of a harmony school, if you will. The districts where these are successful, the singing is at a higher level. Been in touch with MSU, which offers a good central location.

Nels: several people interested in youth harmony activities. Still need more singers for the Friday of the Music Educators convention. I'm retiring again.

Brian: Great growth in Harmony Foundation support from 42 men in 2010 to 171 in 2011. And from \$28,336 to \$49,541.

Don: More fun for directors to direct a bigger group so directors get guys from their music teams. Open to anybody but focused on five directors. Could possibly fold it into the summer harmony school. Woman said sex is like church: don't really feel like going but afterward am glad I did. Battle Creek has a new director, Paul Cooper. Produced the Three Men and a Tenor PBS show.

New Business:

Troubadour. Grand Rapids has a new publisher of their newsletter and he's interested in doing Troubadour as well. Robert Alicia of Grand Rapids. Will be a digital issue, not paper. Paul: John Cowlshaw, who does the Smoke Signals is a pretty good editor

VPMarketing and PR job is open now. Also voted to add two at large positions to the board.

Forum: Five of us went to mini forum last year. This year will be a full forum 1st weekend of November, to Dallas.

Last year did the chapter of honor. Soo interested in 2013.

Adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

The Board of Directors convened at 12:01 p.m.

Contracts for 2014, 2016 and 2018 in Battle Creek at current rates. Dunckel moved we approve and Smith seconded. All approved.

Proposal from Paul and Joe M. for Super Charging your chapter that we schedule four supercharging events. Brian concerned with paying clinicians to do it. Generally don't pay. Robb suggests approve plan but approve budgets individually. Robb moved, Serwach seconds. Dunckel opposed. Rest approved. Motion carried.

Approving Pete's proposal to do a July event. Dan moved and Dunk seconded. All in favor.

Consider a budget for the forum in November

Would like to replace the cash register we use for the barbershop shop. Also want to buy a new credit card machine. Sweet Adeline convention is same week as ours so won't be there but someone from Macomb will bring materials.

Smith moved that we make Flagstar Bank our new bank, calling it an acceptable bank. Dunckel seconded Approved

Adjourned at 12:26 p.m.