

**PIONEER DISTRICT- BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY
MINUTES
MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING
October 16, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: Pioneer District President Brian Dunckel called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. in the Kalamazoo Radisson Plaza Hotel and directed the group in the singing of The Old Songs.

President Duckel then inquired of Secretary Serwach if we had a quorum present.

ATTENDANCE: Serwach reported that a quorum was present. (Also in attendance were Society Board Rep. Alan Wile, Dunckel, Joe McDonald, Robb Smith, Jerry Ditto, Ron Eubank, Jeff Pierson, George Doyle and Roger Lewis)

PRODUCT OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The Product of the April 17, 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 Immediate Past President Raleigh Bloch, supported Smith. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Financial reports had been distributed by e-mail attachment.

Treasurer Robb Smith explained that, as to the 2009 budget, not knowing which revenue generating events were to take place and not knowing what the income and expenses for those events would be, he wanted the 2009 budget accepted as a "Continuity Budget" for 2009, the process to be followed being that when the plan for an income generating event was finalized and revenue and expenses could be approximated, the budget could be amended to reflect that approximation. Discussion followed and no formal action was taken at this time, but it was agreed that Treasurer Robb would make the same presentation to the House of Delegates Meeting.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Dunckel said he'd received a letter from Harmony Foundation and a check for \$512 through the donors choice program of Harmony Foundation. Past President Raleigh Bloch is moving to Pennsylvania but another great past president, Roger Lewis, has agreed to take his place on the board. Letter from Dale Hanson on his audit, showing a good financial review of the district's finances, saying Robb Smith has done an excellent job overseeing district finances.

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

Jerry Ditto said Raleigh Bloch will be sorely missed when he moves to Pennsylvania. He asked who would do convention scripts now. Duckel said he would. Past President Roger Lewis has graciously agreed to step in as his replacement.

Ron Eubank said next spring the district will need to promote the judging school program.

George Doyle reported that as of August, Pioneer has experienced a 1 percent gain in membership since December 2008, which doesn't include dual memberships. Dunckel said efforts to establish a new chapter in Jackson were "staying afloat" though some of the men there were slightly frustrated by the lack of growth.

Jeff Pierson reported 88 students (including four from Long Island, N.Y) were enrolled in the

District's Rockin Barbershop program with the support of 11 Pioneer chapters. Sweet Adelines chapters were especially interested in participating in future camps. Management and board members discussed whether the camp should stay at Interlochen (which is well-known but remote from much of the state's population) or whether to move it to a more central location like a university campus. Members noted James Estes recommended it be held annually at Interlochen, arguing that it could become one of the biggest camps in the country.

NEW BUSINESS: Doyle urged the board and management team members to upgrade and improve and make more current the content on the district web site, saying it could help improve recruitment efforts. Members also asked about the Troubadour, which has been online but not had a recent print issue, saying members would like to see it produced more frequently.

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
