

PIONEER DISTRICT, BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY  
MINUTES  
POST-CONVENTION MEETING  
McCamly Plaza, Battle Creek, Michigan  
10:00 am, Sunday April 22, 2012

**CALL TO ORDER:** Convention Committee Chairman Jerry Ditto called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

**INTRODUCTIONS AND HEADQUARTERS HOTEL:** Jerry Ditto said he was the luckiest guy in the district because every convention he gets to work with a new group of guys. Hope you guys (Macomb) would like to host again someday. No problems other than the electronic problem with the current but we're used to no curtain. Buffet was wonderful. Wonderful price. Enjoyed the ice cream Friday night. Only comment is air handling system in the ballroom is extremely loud. People come back at 2 or 2:30 and none of the eating places were open so people went other places. Signage needs to be better. Some permanent signs were made for Mount Pleasant. We need to find out where they are. Rooms and bell service very nice. Good to block floors 3, 4 and 14 for just barbershoppers. Patty from hotel: Great having you back, looking forward to the fall.

**REGISTRATIONS:** We had 560 pre-registrations for a total of 660 full-paid registrations.

**AUDITORIUM/BALLROOM:** Other the curtain and back stage monitor not working, most went well. Less time for warm up because of changes with pictures being taken onstage now instead of before. The video up there when performing is the house camera, focuses on the stage then moves (not focuses) on the MC. Think the stage works well for us. As weather got better, more people walked. Jeff was very pleased we have our own microphones to have a constant in our sound. Mike only works there now when there's a show because he's employed by Sound Checks, a union. Not a school there now.

**JUDGE'S SERVICES:** Nothing but kudos, a stellar panel, the green room stuff was delicious. No issues with to and from airport. Only one delay at the airport. Don't think we can praise Ron Eubank and Barry highly enough. The judges were ecstatic. Lighting and sound great, wall between stage and auditorium fantastic, didn't need as much door guarding

**HARMONY FOUNDATION RAFFLE:** Sold \$1520 tickets. Winners: Scott Turner, Nels Carlson and John Steigmeier.

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**BARBERSHOPPERS SHOP:** \$5680 in sales, up from \$4368 sold a year earlier.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Joe Barbershopper Chorus was well-attended with 84 guys singing on stage compared to 83 last spring.

Friday post quartet show raised \$700 compared to \$1100 a year earlier.

Worship service had about 46 people compared to 75 people a year ago. Collected \$151 for Harmony

Foundation.

Hospitality rooms: Great rooms. on 16. DOC room probably had 25 people, 2 women. But Mount Pleasant room was very full. Both ones on four were really busy. Don't know we get the big one on 16 filled.

Photos: New way doing it. Maybe instruct people where to look. Andrew said it's a perfect way for him to take the pictures. Didn't take college quartets Saturday night. Can someone else do it?

Jim: Give thanks to Pioneer. The hospitality from Day 1 has been extraordinary here. See great things happening here.

Future conventions:

Battle Creek, fall

2013: Traverse City, spring

Kalamazoo, fall

2014: Grand Rapids for spring

Muskegon for fall

2016 spring Grand Rapids

2018 spring Grand Rapids

**ADJOURNMENT:** After thank-you's to the hotel and to the QCA, and the singing of "Keep the Whole World Singing," the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Serwach  
Pioneer District Secretary

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