

PIONEER DISTRICT, SPEBSQSA, INC.
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
February 7, 2004

CALL TO ORDER: Pioneer District President Bruce Smith called the meeting to order in Meeting Room D of the Comfort Inn, 2209 University Park Drive, Okemos, Michigan 48864, at 2:20, p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Secretary Skupski reported that a quorum was present. The total attendance was 12 Board Members. VP YMIH David Anderson was an excused absence for health reasons.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Submission of the minutes of the October 17, 2003 Board of Directors Meeting was postponed until the April 23, 2004 Board of Directors Meeting pursuant to prior notification.

TREASURER'S REPORT: VP of Finance Robb Smith submitted and explained the three part financial statement he had previously forwarded to all District Officers by e-mail attachment, and indicated that the figures contained in the report are the figures that will be used for the 2003 Pioneer District Corporate income tax form. After questions and discussion, a motion made by VP Brian Dunckel, seconded by VP Doran McTaggart, to receive the financial statement as presented carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Submission of the Consent Calendar Reports was postponed until the April 23, 2004 Board of Directors Meeting pursuant to prior notification.

PRESIDENTS COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: President Bruce Smith indicated that Don Harris is the new Executive Director for the Society. Harmony Foundation is moving its office to Chicago and hiring two new people. No one from Kenosha will be making the move.

District Officer RP1 reports are to be e-mailed to President Bruce Smith by April 1st. These are the reports that will make up the Consent Calendar for the April 23, 2004 Board of Directors Meeting and House of Delegates Meeting. President Smith will extract from each officer report the 5 points for the Society report and forward those to Kenosha.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FUTURE CONVENTION SITES: John Szewc reported contracts have been signed with Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo, Michigan for the Pioneer District 2004 Fall Convention and 2005 Spring Convention. Contests will be held in the hotel ballroom, flat floor, 1,200 moveable seats, with the hotel providing the stage. There will be no curtain. Pioneer District will be responsible for lighting and microphones. There are ten rooms suitable for chorus warm-ups. Numerous hospitality rooms are available to chapters above the lobby level at reasonable prices. This will permit chapters to bring in their own food and beverages. Arrangements are being made for Rick Anderson to provide microphones. The District will receive a \$2 rebate per room night for all rooms used by conventioners. It was noted that this rebate was not requested by the District but offered by the hotel. While the District suggested that room rates be decreased by the rebate amount that was not acceptable to the hotel. Thus the District will accept the rebate, using the funds to cover convention expenses.

At the 2004 Spring Convention in Gaylord Kalamazoo will have a display in the lobby of headquarters hotel and will provide convention registration forms and hotel reservations forms for the Fall 2004 Convention.

In Gaylord for the Spring 2004 Convention there are only 2 chorus rehearsal rooms at the auditorium site so choruses will be required to dress and warm-up at the hotel. Lynne Peirce will be asked to conduct the Joe Barbershopper Chorus in Gaylord. Don Kill continues to ask for risers, fifth-step risers and riser transportation for Gaylord.

Discussion and negotiations with McCamly Plaza Hotel in Battle Creek are still going on relating to the fall 2005 convention.

CONVENTION EXPENSE MATRIX: Immediate Past President Al Bonney presented and discussed the document which reflects the policy as it is currently being carried out. After discussion, a motion was made by IPP Al Bonney, seconded by Secretary Marvin Skupski, to place the Convention Expense Matrix in the Pioneer District Policy Manual. After further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

PIONEER DISTRICT POLICY MANUAL: This agenda item was passed over.

CHAPTER INCORPORATION AUDIT REPORT: Secretary Marvin Skupski reported that all but two of our Michigan chapters are registered and up to date in their reporting, and that the remaining two are in the process of incorporating. The two Canadian chapters remain under audit.

DISTRICT CONTRACTS AUDIT REPORT: Secretary Marvin Skupski reported he has signed contracts with the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo, Michigan for the Fall 2004 Pioneer District Convention and the Spring 2005 Pioneer District Convention. There are no contracts for other Pioneer District events. It was determined after discussion that VP Finance Robb Smith would begin issuing detailed purchase orders for district events and will forward copies to Secretary Skupski.

HARMONY ROUND-UP MARKETING PLAN: This agenda item was passed over.

2004 BUDGET FINALIZATION: VP Finance Robb Smith indicated this item was completed at the October 17, 2003 Board of Directors Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2004: District President Bruce Smith appointed EVP Raleigh Block and Immediate Past Society President Roger Lewis to serve on the Nominating Committee with IPP Al Bonney. Based upon the Governance Committee Task Force report that was discussed earlier in the day at the Planning Session, decisions must be made prior to the April 23, 2004 Board of Directors Meeting and House of Delegates Meeting concerning whether our current VP positions will remain elected positions or will become appointed positions. The Notice of Election Notice to be published in the Troubadour prior to June 15 must accurately reflect any changes.

INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR BONDING: A motion was made by Secretary Marvin Skupski, seconded by VP John Szewc, to attach to the Minutes of this Board of Directors Meeting a roster of Pioneer District Officers and a roster of Gaylord Chapter members as the people who will be handling money at the Pioneer District Spring Convention in Gaylord for purposes of obtain coverage under the Society's bonding insurance. Without discussion motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Secretary Marvin Skupski, seconded by VP Doran McTaggart, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin Skupski, Pioneer District Secretary