

PIONEER DISTRICT, SPEBSQSA, INC.
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2002

CALL TO ORDER: Pioneer District President Al Bonney called the meeting to order in the Montgomery Room of the McCamly Plaza Hotel, Battle Creek, Michigan at 9:00 a.m. The singing of "The Old Songs" was directed by VP of Contest and Judging Ed Fritzen.

ATTENDANCE: Secretary Marvin Skupski reported that a quorum was present. The total attendance was 13 District Officers, plus a number of Committee Chairs, Past Presidents and guests (including Society President Roger Lewis and Society Board Member Raleigh Bloch).

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Minutes of the April 26, 2002 Board of Directors Meeting was submitted by Secretary Marvin Skupski. No additions, deletions or corrections were asked for. Motion to accept the April 26, 2002 minutes as submitted was made by VP Doran McTaggart, seconded by VP Dave Anderson and carried unanimously.

Minutes of the August 7, 2002 Board of Directors Meeting was submitted by Secretary Skupski. No additions, deletions or corrections were asked for. Motion to accept the August 7, 2002 minutes as submitted was made by EVP Bruce Smith, seconded by VP Brian Dunckel and carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Secretary Skupski indicated that the Policy Manual Revisions were not ready and that item was removed from the Unfinished Business portion of the Agenda.

At the request of Society President Roger Lewis an item of Hall of Fame Badges was added to the Agenda under Unfinished Business.

At the request of Treasurer Stan Williams an item of Report on Bank Account from Up North was added to the Agenda under Unfinished Business.

At the request of VP of Events Larry Parker the Convention Contract Status item under Unfinished Business was changed to reflect the years covered were 2004 through 2007.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A Treasurer's Report was distributed to those present by Treasurer Stan Williams. After some discussion a motion to accept the Report as submitted was made by VP Greg Humbel, seconded by VP Gene Hanover and carried.

The Budget for 2003 was distributed to those present by Treasurer Stan Williams. After discussion some changes were made. A motion to accept the Budget for 2003 as changed and to recommend that Budget to the Chapter Delegates at the House of Delegates Meeting was made by IPP Don Bazely, seconded by VP Greg Humbel and carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Consent Calendar Reports were submitted. There was no request to pull and discuss any report. No formal action was taken at this time.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Bonney discussed the fact that it is our obligation to match the grant dollars we have received, and he thanked those involved in putting together and running the clinics for coaching quartets and choruses which we were able to expand as a result of the grants.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

INACTIVE CHAPTERS: VP Brian Dunckel reported that Milford Chapter and Swan Valley Chapter are no longer operating and the closing paperwork has been submitted. The remaining chapter members have transferred or are snowbirds and will transfer when they go south for the winter. The framed Charter from Milford Chapter which was graced by the signature of O. C. Cash will go to District Historian Dale Bekker.

CONVENTION CONTRACT STATUS: VP Larry Parker reported that contract inquiries were sent to various locations; Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Lansing and the Detroit area responded; some cannot accommodate the dates, some were too expensive. VP Larry Parker made a motion that we convene in Lansing in the fall of 2004, Lansing in the spring and fall of 2005 and 2006, and with an option to Lansing for the spring and fall of 2007, seconded by VP Gene Hanover. After discussion the motion carried.

COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING IN THE TROUBADOUR: Discussion by VP Greg Humbel on increasing the income of the Troubadour. Will look to the advertisers in the Harmonizer. No formal action was taken.

TROUBADOUR PRINTING COST REDUCTION: EVP Bruce Smith indicates that by cutting back on the number of issues per year we have thus far saved the printing cost of one issue and we should not spend it by immediately going back to six issues per year. Some disagreement. EVP Smith also indicated if we acquired and began using a more widely used computer program for producing the camera-ready material for a printer we would be able to secure bids from many more printers. No formal action was taken.

EVENT PLANNING GUIDE: Treasurer Stan Williams indicates that thus far only the Bush League events have used the EPG. President Al Bonney indicated that VP Brian Dunckel has one for the Membership Summit Meeting preceding COTS; Chairman Doug Lynn has one for COTS and VP Dan Bezaire has started one, all of which need to come to the Board for approval. Society President Roger Lewis indicates Pioneer District leads the Society in this endeavor and we need to keep it going; that Scott Hoge in Kenosha could assist us in securing the Excel computer program for those who need it. VP Greg Humbel indicates that there is a marketing template available that he will use in assisting anyone to launch an event. No formal action was taken.

DISTRICT VISION STATEMENT: After discussion a motion was made by VP Dave Anderson that our District Vision Statement be: The Pioneer District, Barbershop Harmony Society, is an ever-growing association of barbershop chapters where chapters promote singing in their communities and members enjoy participating in the art form. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Stan Williams and after further discussion carried unanimously.

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT: After discussion a motion was made by VP Greg Humbel that our District Mission Statement be: It is the mission of the Pioneer District, Barbershop Harmony Society, to provide human and material resources enabling the member chapters to present an enjoyable, productive musical experience to its members and community. The motion was seconded by VP Doran McTaggart and after further discussion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the Pioneer District Vision Statement and the Pioneer District Mission Statement be reviewed each year at the August Board of Directors Meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: The slate of officer candidates to be recommended to the Chapter Delegates at the House of Delegates Meeting as submitted as the August Board of Directors Meeting was brought up. No further action was taken.

DISTRICT OFFICER CALLS TO CHAPTERS: All District Officers being present, each made his oral report on the condition of the chapters contacted. Without formal action taken it was agreed that the members of the Board of Directors would each continue to make the same contacts prior to the spring and fall Board of Directors meetings and make oral reports at those meetings.

REPORT ON BANK ACCOUNT FROM UP NORTH: There is \$214.43 in an account up north listed as belonging to Mid-Michigan SPEBSQSA. Treasurer Stan Williams is working with Kenosha to have these funds recovered.

HALL OF FAME BADGES: It was agreed without formal action that the Pioneer District would adopt the new Hall of Fame badge and name tag submitted by Society President Roger Lewis.

NEW BUSINESS:

CHAPTER COUNSELOR PROGRAM: VP Doran McTaggart reported that he wrote an article for the Troubadour outlining the many changes in the CSLT program. Under the changes a chapter can have a Chapter Counselor to work with or opt not to participate in the program. In 2003 he wants the Chapter Counselors to meet with the chapters to plan for success. He wants reports from the Counselors 3 times per year. There currently are two vacancies to be filled. No formal action was taken.

2003 WORK PLAN: President Al Bonney has 9 reports from District Officers and Committee Chairs with more to come that are needed for the Leadership Forum in Kenosha. No formal action was taken.

YOUTH POLICY: Report by VP Dave Anderson on the restrictions when dealing with youths and having releases from parents, planned meeting nights with varied program. No formal action was taken.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT MEETING: Report by VP Brian Dunkel. Looking for grant money but budgeted \$3,000. Has Event Planning Guide. Ev Nau will be the presenter Friday Night before the Saturday and Sunday COTS. VP Dunkel will be a presenter at the Leadership Forum in Kenosha. President Al Bonney indicates that VP Dunkel's EVP is a good model for others to use in doing their EPGs. No formal action was taken.

CHAPTER OPERATIONS TRAINING: Committee Chairman Doug Lynn gives us Super COTS at Holiday Inn Express in Okemos, Michigan, to follow the Friday night-Saturday morning Membership Summit, and with TOP GUN quartet coaching at the hotel across the parking lot at the same time, and with YMIH recruits to sing for COTS and with the TOP GUN quartets to close off our Saturday night. The forms to register for Super COTS are on the Pioneer Web Site. President Bonney likes the budget with the Chorus Director Development class totally rewritten and with a provision for CDD scholarships. No formal action taken.

DIRECTORS COLLEGE: Society President Roger Lewis indicates the Society Board of Directors is looking at 80 scholarships for Directors College, four or more per district, with the districts to target people rather than a random draw, preferably first-time front line directors. We are also looking for Harmony Foundation to do more with chorus directors training and YMIH rather than outside grants. No formal action taken.

TROUBADOUR EDITOR: Long-time Troubadour Editor Gary Simon is stepping down after many years of service. Doran McTaggart will announce on the Saturday night show that we are looking for a replacement.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP ISSUE: President Al Bonney indicated that as to a proposed Task Force to look into this issue he has received no response from Del Sparks who first raised this issue. If it stays that way there will be no task force. If there is a task force the discussion is not to be about Macomb Chapter or Kalamazoo Chapter but rather about the dual membership problem generally. No formal action was taken.

ROSTERS FOR BONDING INSURANCE COVERAGE: Secretary Marvin Skupski made a motion that the roster of Pioneer District Officers and the Roster of Kalamazoo Chapter members be appended to the completed minutes as people who will be handling money at this convention for purposes of insurance coverage under the Society's bonding insurance policy, seconded by VP Brian Dunckel, carried unanimously without discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by VP Dave Anderson, seconded by VP Gene Hanover and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:20, a.m.

Next Pioneer District Board of Directors Meeting , Saturday, February 1, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin Skupski, Pioneer District Secretary

Attachments to the original House of Delegates 10-18-02 Meeting Minutes on file:

Treasurer's Report

Consent Calendar Reports

2003 Budget

Roster of Pioneer District Officers

Roster of Kalamazoo Chapter members