

Seneca Land District Spring House of Delegates Meeting

April 10, 2010 10:00AM

Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel- Erie, Pa

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Pete Carentz at 10:12_am

Invocation: The invocation was given by _Barney Johnson_

Opening Song: _Matt Clancy_ led us in singing "The Old Songs".

Roll Call -- Taken by District Secretary Tom Jones; X indicates present -- A indicates absent

Board of Directors:

President	Pete Carentz	<u> X </u>
Executive VP	Don Stothard	<u> X </u>
Immediate Past President	Rob Hopkins	<u> X </u>
Secretary	Tom Jones	<u> X </u>
Treasurer	John Howe	<u> X </u>
Board Member at Large	Jim Barickman	<u> X </u>
Board Member at Large	Warren Capenos	<u> X </u>
Board Member at Large	Barney Johnson	<u> X </u>
Board Member at Large	Bob Coant	<u> X </u>

Operations Team:

VP Chapter Support&Ldrshp Trng-Eric Saile	<u> X </u>
VP Music & Performance-Matt Clancy	<u> X </u>
VP Chapter Development-Skip Berenguer	<u> X </u>
VP Contest & Judging-Don Stothard-	<u> X </u>
VP Director Development-Louis Petron	<u> A </u>
VP Youth In Harmony-Bob Coant-	<u> X </u>
Int'l Board member Jim Sams	<u> X </u>
VP Membership Dev. Art Zelesnikar	<u> X </u>
VP Marketing & PR-Eric Van Druff-	<u> X </u>
VP Events-Todd Horton	<u> X </u>
VP Finance-Warren Capenos	<u> X </u>
VP FUN- Larry Brennen	<u> A </u>

Chapter Delegates: 20_of 32 Chapters Represented =====

Allegheny Division:

Bradford	Gary Larson*	<u> A </u>
Dubois	Fred Riley	<u> X </u>
Coudersport	John Sherer	<u> A </u>
Salamanca	Paul Mahan	<u> X </u>
Jamestown	Pernell Caster	<u> X </u>
New Bethlehem	Galen Shirey	<u> A </u>
Crawford Cty.	Milosh Mamula	<u> X </u>
Erie	Pete Frank	<u> X </u>
St. Marys	Fred Burne	<u> X </u>
Venango County	Eric Beightol	<u> A </u>

===== **Allegheny Division (cont.):**

Olean	Pat Close	<u> X </u>
Warren	//////////	<u> A </u>
Grove City	Warren Capenos	<u> X </u>

Appalachian Division:

Canton	Ben Budelmann	<u> A </u>
Onondaga Co.	Dave Bender	<u> X </u>
Auburn	Don Harvey	<u> A </u>
Watertown	Stephen Jennings	<u> A </u>

Mohawk Valley	Art Zelesnikar	<u> X </u>
Oswego Valley	Barney Johnson	<u> X </u>
Syracuse	John Campolieto	<u> A </u>

Catskill Division:

Painted Post	Wayne Bailey	<u> X </u>
Binghamton	Tom Jones	<u> X </u>
Oneonta	Dennis Marsh?	<u> A </u>

Hornell	Ward Votava	<u> A </u>
Ithaca	Jeremy Beutel	<u> A </u>
Elmira	Bob King	<u> X </u>

Ontario Division:

East Aurora	Dave Lawson	<u> X </u>
Rochester	Brian Moore	<u> X </u>
Warsaw	F. Lincoln Walkley	<u> X </u>

Buffalo	Norm Guenther	<u> X </u>
Geneva	Jerry Kernahan	<u> X </u>
Batavia	ED Moss	<u> X </u>

Past Presidents/Guests

Clarke Caldwell, Bob Maher, Nathan Bell, George Jarrell

Installation of District Board of Directors and Operations V.P.'s- Our representative from International, Mr. Jim Sams installed the Board of Directors as well as the Seneca Land District Operations team in a very well done Installation ceremony to begin our meeting.

Acceptance of Minutes-District Secretary Tom Jones presented the minutes of the House of Delegates meeting from Sept. 25, 2010. After discussion a motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Barickman, with a 2nd by Bob King. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report-District Treasurer John Howe presented the Seneca Land District Financial Statement for the period 1/1/2011-4/6/2011. After some discussion, Tom Jones made a motion to receive the report, with a 2nd by Wayne Bailey. The motion passed. John also mentioned that all chapters must file their 990 or 990n reports to the IRS by May 16th to be in compliance.

REPORTS

Society Report-Society representative Jim Sams made a brief report. Jim stated that his initial impression of Seneca Land District was that he "was impressed with the enthusiasm and planning that he has been exposed to in the short period of time he has been in our district". Due to the fact that CEO Ed Watson will be resigning effective July 15th, Nashville has already begun putting together a CEO search team. Society-wide, membership is job #1. The society is +89 members since Jan 1st, with the # of chapters constant at 803. New chapters (licenses) are at 15 since 01/01. Operation Harold Hill (our most successful membership plan ever!) will be reinstated starting 01/01/2012. The Society believes that the best way to recruit new members is: 1. Believe that there is no such thing as the status quo. 2. Get the right people for the right job. 3. Get the community and its leaders involved. 4. Be dreamer-TAKE Risks.

Youth in Harmony-Bob Coant discussed the upcoming Harmony Explosion camp for 2011. Teaching quartet candidates include TNS, After Hours, and Prestige and the clinician will be James Estes from the BHS. Other items for 2011 include; A Slam retreat to prepare for International, A new youth club in Seneca Land District, the "4 on the road" concept for our district, a YIH class at the 2012 Leadership Academy, and making contacts at number of NYSMMA conferences (of music educators).

Events-Todd discusses the "under one roof" concept that the district has implemented for our conventions. Preliminary feedbacks from both chapters as well as individuals are overwhelmingly positive. Todd also discussed the use of Hobart /William Smith College for the COTS school as well as POW WOW and Harmony explosion camp.

Convention/Contest&Judging-Don Stothard reported that he has been accepted as a candidate for Administrator and that Bob Coant has been accepted as a candidate for the Contest and Judging. Don also reported that preliminary indicators showed that the 2011 spring convention in Erie was as well attended as the 2010 convention (486 vs. 499).

Chorus Director Development-Lou Petroni's written report mentioned the upcoming C. D. W. I in June 2011 at Grove City Pennsylvania as well as a new program called "out standing in front", which will be kicked off at POW – WOW this summer. Lou will also be developing a director's course for the 2012 Leadership Academy being held at Hobart/William Smith College in January of 2012.

Music & Performance-Matt Clancy-Matt has announced that he will have seven gold medalist as well as two courses on board for coaching at this year's Pow-Wow in July. Matt also discussed the 2011 Top Gun coaching session which was held in conjunction with Leadership Academy at Hobart William Smith College. Matt's immediate goal; Hold pop gun and chorus coaching events by division within the district.

CSLT-Eric Saile-Eric's report deals with the Leadership Development & COTS School held in Jan of this year. Eric also discussed budgets, job description, and the Chapter Counselor program.

Marketing & P.R.-Eric Van Druff-Eric's report discusses the successful completion of the Leadership academy and the successful implementation of advertising and marketing for the SING festival. Eric also discusses the "Seneca Land Marketing" Facebook page for chapter marketing personnel to share resources and ideas.

Membership-Art Zelesnikar-Art's report discussed the importance of some of the new and exciting programs soon to be coming our way from District and Society; I.E, Project SING, Job One membership program, the new "Operation Harold Hill-all are programs that will help in our quest for new members! In other exciting news, several locations are currently being developed as possible new chapter sites-more to follow!

FUN-Larry Brennan-Larry's report was a fun filled video explaining the concept of VP Fun and why every chapter needs to have this officer to make chapter meetings a fun experience for old as well as new members of our great hobby!

Chapter Development-Skip Berenguer-Skip's report discussed "regrowing" our chapters by using the new S.I.N.G. (Satisfy, Inspire, Nurture, and Grow) program instituted by D P Pete Carentz. Skip noted that this particular program could be used for any chapter, big or small, healthy or struggling!

5th man program-Fred Burne-Fred's report discussed the new program, which is as offshoot of a similar program started in the NSC (Carolina's) District by our own Jan Muddle. This program can either replace or reinforce the chapter counselor program of several years ago. Basically, the program is staffed by past district presidents and can be called upon by chapters, divisional VP's, board members, or anyone wanting help for a chapter. The 5th man will then go to the appropriate individual or group to get the help needed!

Guest Speaker-Clark Caldwell- CEO-Harmony Foundation-Clark thanked us for our hospitality, and mentioned just how much he enjoyed his time in Seneca Land. He then made a presentation about a relatively new program at Harmony Foundation called "Ambassadors of Song." Basically the program is simple; every member who signs up has \$10/month taken out of his or her checking account monthly. This totals \$120 /year as a tax-deductible donation to Harmony Foundation. At this time Clark offered to sign up anyone interested and when the dust settled we had doubled Seneca Land's participation in the program!! Impressive!!

Chautauqua Institute-George Jarrell-George mentioned the upcoming Chautauqua Barbershop Concert which annually brings in a significant amount of money to the coffers of Seneca Land. George also reiterated the need for all delegates to take the message back to their respective chapters and make this year's Chautauqua Serenade the best attended in years!!!

OLD BUSINESS

2011 Budget-District Secretary John Howe presented the 2011 district budget. A motion to accept the budget was made by Warren Capenos, with a 2nd by Tom Jones. After a short active discussion, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Seneca Land District Policy Manual-the revised Seneca Land District Policy Manual was presented to the House of Delegates. A motion to accept the manual as revised was made by Rob Hopkins, with a 2nd by Brian Moore. The motion passed.

President's Message-President Pete Carentz's message to the House of Delegates was simple-NOW IS THE TIME! We have a number of tools at our disposal to grow the district and make it better; I sing buttons, "Like to Sing??" yard signs, Welcome Back Kotter nights to be held in chapters in Oct. 2011. We have the tools-let's DO IT!!

Pete Frank, President of the Erie Chapter, thanked the district for coming to Erie.

Barney Johnson made a brief presentation about a benefit for a member of Oswego Vly, Matt Slocum and his battle with Luekemia. The benefit will be held June 5th, 2011 in Oswego.

Motion to adjourn-A motion to adjourn was made by Rob Hopkins and 2nd by Bob King. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 12:46pm

Respectfully submitted, Tom Jones Seneca Land District Secretary