

Area 2 Conference Call January 29, 2011

Those Present:

Barre-Tones – Barbara Ladabouche
Capital Chordettes – Sue Kellison
Champlain Echoes- Sandi Venditti
Harmony Heritage – Barbara-Ann MacIntosh
Harmony In Motion – Betty Martin
Montreal City Voices – Heather Solomon
New England Voices In Harmony – Diane Coates
Noteable Blend – Evelyn Malvia
Silk'n Sounds- Sandy Anagnostakis
Sounds of the Seacoast – Evelyn Colby
Thousand Islanders – Debbie Gay
Women of Note – Angie Dolber

Area 2 Public relations/Marketing – Chris Kuntz
Area 2 Treasurer- Cathy LaSalandra
Area 2 Education – Linda Janes
Area 2 Secretary – Gayle Jordan
Area 2 Director- Gail Kelsall

Gail welcomed everyone to the conference call.

Our first agenda item was to vote on the change of our Area 2 Charity. It was explained that this change if it passes will not affect how our own choruses donate their money. This will only affect AC&C or Area 2 education events where there are raffles or donations collected for Area 2.

Barbara-Ann Motioned that Area 2 Change it's charity donations from Autism to Youth Outreach. Betty Martin seconded.

Discussion:

Linda Janes asked what our youth outreach coordinator has been doing for the youth in the Area. We have not heard or seen much from Jillian Cooper in some time. She thought that we should be contacting her and speaking with her about this position and seeing if she intends to remain the Youth Outreach coordinator.

Gail Kelsall will contact her and see what her intentions are.

Motion Carried

The council requested that Chris Kuntz write an explanation of the change and what it would mean for Area 2. This explanation will be included in the Area 2 Manual for future reference also.

The Council voted to drop autism as Area 2's official charity -- and replace it with Youth Outreach. Although not an official 'charity' per se, proceeds from future Area 2 fundraising activities (such as AC&C basket raffles or silent auctions) will be donated toward Youth Outreach.

Note: This does NOT affect chapters' own charities. Chapters may continue to donate their own funds toward charities such as: autism, breast cancer, heart disease, local schools, or whatever they choose.

As it was with autism, it is now up to the AC&C hostess chapter's discretion where/how they'd like to use the Youth Outreach funds raised. There are myriad different ways chapters can support Youth Outreach. They might: contribute toward BHS Harmony Explosion Camps; purchase barbershop music & donate it to a local high school; host a high school or collegiate guest night; spearhead a youth quartet; pay travel expenses to send a Harmony youth member to IC&C; give a scholarship to HITS to a young woman; teach a class on barbershop harmony at a local middle or high school; have young girls come to an all-day rehearsal where they learn a song...and perform onstage in a chapter show in the evening (funds could purchase music, buy lunch, etc. for the girls); or design a young women's track for a future ABC Day. There are a host of other ideas that qualify as Youth Outreach events, programs or activities.

AC&C 2011 Budget

Sandy Anagnostakis Motioned to approve the Area 2 AC&C budget for 2011. Angie Dolber seconded.

Discussion

Linda Janes questioned the \$400.00 equipment rental for craft classes. Diane Coates explained that this was the amount put in budget from the previous year and was just placed again. Equipment rented from the hotels for craft classes can run very expensive. They will do their best to not use this amount but it should be this high just in case.

Line 19 and Line 28 change to room night cost \$100.00.

Motion Carried Budget approved.

It was stated that Silk'n Sounds will be doing a director search. Chris Hayes will no longer be available to direct with her new duties at work.

Diane Coates let everyone know that each chorus will be able to perform one song on Saturday evening which will have something to do with the purple theme for weekend.

Cathy LaSalandra asked that those who need to apply for Director Assistance for education please send her an email with address for checks to be sent to. Please email cnotebass@aol.com

If any chorus is interested in hosting an education day event this spring please contact our education coordinator Linda Janes.

Call ended.

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle Jordan , Secretary