

Area 2 Council Meeting
August 4, 2001
St. John's Methodist Church in Dover, NH

The Area 2 Council Meeting was held at St. John's Methodist Church in Dover , NH with Marjory Gillis Area 2 Representative presiding. Those in attendance were:

Area 2 Representative	Marjory Gillis
Area 2 Advisor	Linda Muise
Area 2 Secretary	Gayle Jordan
Area 2 Treasurer	Diane Zanetti
Area 2 ACJC	Dianne Clark
Area 2 Education Coordinator	Linda Parviainen
Area 2 Membership Coordinator	Aileen Murray
Area 2 Public Relations	Chris Kuntz
Area 2 Quartet Promotions	Cathy DeCoste
Area 2 Website Coordinator	Tanya Royer
Area 2 Manual Coordinator	Tanya Royer
Barre-Tones, Inc.	Sandy Lewis - President
Capital Chordettes, Inc.	Aileen Murray - President
Chair City Pipers	Linda Parviainen - President
Champlain Echoes	Vicki Ferris - President
Harmony Heritage	Cathy LaSalandra - President
Harmony In Motion	Barbara Knoll - President
Maine-ly Harmony	Denise Dyer - Delegate
Montreal Chapter	Gail Kelsall - President
New England Voices In Harmony	Chris Kuntz - President
Sounds of the Seacoast	Sue Bowman - President
Women of Note	Martha Wilson - President
Guests:	
Champlain Echoes	Irene Knight
Chair City Pipers	Jean Goodwin

HARMONY CREED

Introductions and Welcome

Marj welcomed all who attended and thanked Sounds of the Seacoast for hosting this meeting. Marj announced that Diane Lorion has recently become engaged and has moved to her new home in Ohio. She will be missed in Area 2 but we are sure she will be an asset to her new area.

Marj also stated that our Parliamentarian Bette Nardelli would not be with us, she has fallen and broken both of her wrists. We will all miss her and wish her a speedy recovery.

Area 2 Representative Report

Marj reported that she attended Mid-Year meeting of the IBOD in May. Area 2 currently has 17 Chapters and 546 Members. There were two new chapters this year, New England Voices In Harmony and Harmony Heritage. Harmony, Inc. BOD is working on a plan to insure that there is little or no loss of money at IC&C this year, because many people stayed at other than headquarters hotel in Florida the price on the function space went over budget. There was no profit, in fact there was a large loss, this year. The Annual Reports of Advisors will no longer be

added to the minutes of the International BOD. This will help cut costs of paper and postage. They can be obtained from the Area Rep or any IBOD member. Harmony, Inc. is working on getting someone to host the Website from the inside of Harmony instead of an outside firm. This will help with cost and with freedom to update. The rule for Quartets having no more than 2 former queens has been lifted. This was only on a 3 year trial and that time is up. The rule is now no more than 2 queens from the same quartet can be members of a competing quartet. A committee has been formed to look into restructure of the BOD and advisors. We have added a position of Administrative Assistant. She will take over some of the duties of the Executive Secretary. Not that she isn't doing a great job, but it is a very big job and she could use some help. The International BOD wants to know if we want golf shirts again. Dianne Clark asked if we are limited to Red or White or can we get another color. A questionnaire will be sent out to poll the chapters. The new Keynote Hearts will be to raise funds for the general operating expenses. Your name or recipients name may be put in the heart. All hearts will be published in the Keynote. Dianne Clark asked if it was considered to make the hearts all the same size. Because someone can't afford the same as someone else doesn't make her thought any smaller. No matter how big it still came from someones heart. Please remember loss of membership forms go to the Area Rep. She will then forward to the Executive Secretary. Associates can be approached sooner this way. The International BOD would like to know if we want to continue with the yearly souvenir pins. There will not be one this year because of a problem with the size of the design. Cathy DeCoste wondered if a 5 year commitment would be better. We have made money on them and the members seem to look forward to them. We will poll the chapters. The Harmony License Plate Holder will be out this year.

Treasurers Report

As of July 1, 2001, there is a total of \$6,151.49 in all accounts. Motion was made by **Barbara Knoll** to accept the treasurers' report as revised. Seconded by **Denise Dyer**. Motion Carried.

Study and Review

Late fee for All Events Registration Deadline. International is studying this also. We would like to wait and see what International decides first. Motion was made by **Sue Bowman** to table this until after November. Seconded by **Vicki Ferris**. Motion Carried.

Medals for top 3 or 4 Qualifiers. This will be sent back to Study and Review to poll the chapters before the November Meeting. Approximate cost for the die \$600.00. This will be a September or October 1st deadline for chorus poll.

A ten minute break was taken.

Finance Committee Report

Linda Muise reported that we need to make a decision about the meal for AC&C 2003. Dianne Clark asked if we could investigate having a wine and cheese reception instead of a dinner. This will also go out for a membership vote. All of the options Pros and Cons will be spelled out in the vote. This will be a separate mailing.

Finance Committee Recommendations

1) Dianne Clark as Area 2 ACJC would like to be allowed to use the remainder of the \$1000.00 budgeted for Stage and Assistant Managers to cover contest related items.

2) We would like to suggest we purchase our own domain name for our Area 2 website. The cost would be \$35.00 for 1 year or \$140.00 for 5 years.

2b) If we keep the same firm that is doing it now it would cost us \$60.00 each year to remove all banners and pop ups.

3) That we have a budget of \$1500.00 for the Judges Fund. There are 16 Judges and Candidates. This money would be divided equally amongst those that apply for assistance not to exceed \$100.00.

A motion was made by **Cathy LaSalandra** to add the word Applicant to the judges subsidy section of our Area 2 Manual. Seconded by **Aileen Murray**. Motion carried.

Dianne Clark suggested that we add a footnote to explain this addition.

4) That we use the profit from AC&C to help defray the AEP for Montreal. \$2000.00 US. Gayle Jordan asked that we make sure that we don't need anything else for the Area before we just give it all back. It was stated that we don't want to keep too much in the treasury unless it is earmarked for a purpose. Gayle stated that it wasn't that we didn't want to help the membership with AEP's but that if we needed to help a certain fund in Area 2 that we should do it with this money first.

A motion was made by **Barbara Knoll** that we accept the recommendations of the finance committee as revised. Seconded by **Gail Kelsall**. Motion Carried.

Bulletin Editor Report

Charlene would like to discuss advertising again. The Borderlines is now on the Area 2 Website. We will discuss advertising later in the meeting.

Education Coordinator

Linda would like more ABC Day's . Silk n' Sounds and Maine-ly Harmony are in the thinking stage. Linda and Cathy DeCoste will coordinate the Chorus and Quartet Days.

Quartet Promotion Coordinator

Cathy gave Tanya the list of registered Quartets for the website. She is also looking into Tony DeRosa for coaching with Quartets and choruses. She is also posting helpful hints in breathing and singing on our Harmony Connection and Harmony Heritage site.

Membership Coordinator

Aileen is working with some perspective choruses in Area 2. One is the Cornwell Soundweavers, the other Crosstown Harmony. Both have about 25 to 30 members and Cornwell Soundweavers has 2 Quartets. Aileen reported that she thought that the combined class with Public Relations Coordinator Chris Kuntz went very well and should be repeated. She will take any suggestions along with Chris that might be of some use in the next class. It was stated many times that Aileen is doing an outstanding job as Membership Coordinator and is really stretching herself to help those in need. Thank you Aileen!

Development Coordinator

Marj did not hear from Sandy Venditti.

Historian

She is new in this position and stated that she needed information about the position and an Area 2 Manual.

Area Contest and Judging Chairman

Dianne stated that AC&C was successful. The new Radios and Lights worked great. She is busy working with Montreal on AC&C 2002. Everything is going smooth so far.

Web Design Coordinator

Tanya stated that she will add Charter Dates to the website information.

Broke for Lunch!

Manual Coordinator

Tanya reported that the manuals were reproduced free of charge, thanks to her company. A Motion was made by **Martha Wilson** that the Area 2 Representative will update the Manual Chairman on International Directory. Seconded by **Gail Kelsall**. Motion Carried.

Tanya asked for clarification of Section 1 Page 3 Item L. About fundraising for Harmony, Inc. It was explained that this was to keep outside vendors from making a personal profit. We will research this again. Marj will contact and ask all Assistants and Advisors to read over their description of their job and make sure it is up to date.

Public Relations Coordinator

Chris also reported that her class with Aileen went very well. She thanked Tanya for all her hard work with the PR on the website and also for all the manual changes. Chris spoke of the day pass for outsiders at AC&C. She would like us to try this as a trial to see if it would work. She also asked if anyone needs her help with PR please contact her, she would be glad to help.

OLD BUSINESS

HITS

If you are still interested in going to HITS let Jacquie know as there is still room. Marj asked if Montreal would like to try the pilot one day pass for AC&C 2002. Linda Parviainen pointed out as education coordinator that she doesn't always have the information for classes until after she gets information on the judges. This would make for late PR on classes information as a drawing card for this past. Montreal will let Marj know.

It was suggested that we split Area 2 into 2 or 3 area's for development. Motion was made by **Sue Bowman** that we split Area 2 into 3 areas - Northern - Central - Southern with a person in each section and one to be elected to become Development Coordinator Chairman. Seconded by **Aileen Murray**. Motion carried with one Abstention, Chris Kuntz.

2001 Update

Cathy LaSalandra reported that Harmony Heritage was very concerned about their budget being based on 400 when 2 weeks before AC&C they had 318 Registered. Lots of worrying and some saving in different areas of the budget gave them their profit and got them through. They thanked all the chapters for their Autism baskets. A total of \$700.00 was raised. This money was split and

given to both a RI Chapter and MA Chapter of Autism. The accounts have not closed yet because of charges due to Canadian Check fees from the Bank. The finance committee will study this issue and see what would be the best for us to do for bank fees.

AC&C 2002 - Montreal

It will be held at the Sheraton Laval. There will be a banquet. There will be a 50's Theme. The chairman is: Stacy Hugman.

AC&C 2003

Sounds of the Seacoast has bid for this AC&C and has been accepted. They are checking into the Sheraton in Nashua again.

AC&C 2004

There are no bids at this time. Please think about it and speak with your choruses.

Combined ABC and Quartet Day's

Maine-ly Harmony is considering February or March

Silk n' Sounds is considering

Montreal and Capital Chordettes is considering possibly July

IC&C 2004

Marj reported that Maine-ly Harmony has rescinded their bid for International 2004. We thank them for all their hard work and hope that they will be able to use their great ideas in the near future.

Area 2 council has approved the Capital Chordettes presenting their bid for International 2004. They are working closely right now with Cynthia.

A motion was made by **Linda Parviainen** and seconded by **Vicki Ferris** to back the Capital Chordettes proposal to hostess IC&C 2004. Motion Carried.

Short Break

Associate Communication

It was stated that letters go out each year to all associates explaining their duties. We have currently 82 Associates and 4 pay dues to Area 2. We need to get them info. Linda Parviainen suggested that we send them a letter stating we would like a member to sit as a representative on the council.

Tanya Royer and Diane Zanetti and Gayle Jordan volunteered to be members of an ad hoc committee to review and report on this issue in November and see how we can help.

Random Draw

Dianne Clark reported she had sent out a survey about the random draw this year and all replies were positive. She proposes that we continue with the random draw of qualifiers. A motion was made by **Cathy LaSalandra** and Seconded by **Sandy Lewis** that we continue with the random draw of qualifiers at AC&C. Motion carried.

Borderlines Advertising

Do we want to change the guidelines about advertising in the Borderlines? Chris Kuntz spoke about the cost of the ads were out of date for today's standards. There was a lot of discussion about this issue. Most being about the reproducing of the Borderlines for chorus members. The cost of copying all of the ads.

A motion was made by **Linda Parviainen** that we lift the restrictions to allow a one year trial basis. We would lift the no more than page of ads per issue and maximum page amount. Seconded by **Sandy Lewis**. Motion Carried.

Dianne Clark asked if the Jane Beale Award is done and ready to go for AC&C 2002. This is an award for most improved in Presentation. We will check and make sure it is ready and that the proper description is given for writing.

NEW BUSINESS

Dianne Clark reported that evaluations help us greatly at conventions. A pool of members of Harmony will be trained and used for help with this. The same people will not be used each time. If you would like to help with this please see Dianne and she will forward your name to Jacquie for consideration.

Chorus Reports

Harmony In Motion

Barbara Knoll reported that their chorus has survived. They will have a show September 29th. Come to the Mardi Gras! Sent out 82 flyers for show. They have 27 members, 2 quartets Musical Exchange and Moonstruck. They are working closely with their own local Autism Group.

Barre-Tones

Carol Hollenbeck is their new Director. They are all working well together and are having a show in September.

Capital Chordettes

They had a theme rehearsal in June it was a Red and White Theme. They all wore red wigs in honor of Carol their director. They did a Christmas in July. They sent 4 teams to a golf tournament in August. They will have a retreat in September with Bill Rashleigh. September 11, 18, 25 will be guests nights. Their goal this year is 80 members.

Chair City Pipers

They are suffering with small membership right now. They are doing performances for Nursing Homes and BBQ's. They have one Quartet. Evelyn Fogg is their Interim Director and they are hoping to keep her. September 8th is their show with the title, It's a small world. They will have 2 shows one in the afternoon. They are keeping a very positive attitude and will make it.

Champlain Echoes

They are still in the process of a Director search. They are struggling, but are planning a show on October 6th. Take 4 Quartet will perform on their show.

Maine-ly Harmony

They currently have 30 members with 3 on leave. August and September they did chapter fundraisers. They had a show including area high school girls and Limited Edition. March they had a retreat weekend with Joan Ross. September 29th they will have a show. They started fundraising for November. 3 members are attending HITS this year.

Montreal Chapter

They have 27 members and some perspective. They have done Christmas performances and did a \$400.00 Garage Sale. Celebrated their 40th anniversary in Spring and made a \$500.00 donation to Autism at their anniversary. June 22 they held a cabaret and spaghetti dinner. Made a profit of \$1700.00. They raffled a weekend for two for a glass of wine. They are still flying high from AC&C.

New England Voices In Harmony

They are so excited. They have 37 members. IC&C is on the calendar. Doing a show Sept 22 with Limited Edition, After Hours and The Granite Statesmen in Amhurst. They love their co-Directors. Learning new music. They have 1 Quartet - Four on the Floor. They had a interchapter party Sweet Ads to celebrate their 3rd Place. They are concerned about Insurance for the chorus and whether they have enough. They are looking for ideas.

Harmony Heritage

They Chartered in January. Hostessed AC&C in April. Had their Charter Party in May. Jean Wylie and Dianne Clark are their Co-Directors right now. They are involved in a director search. They took 3 weeks off this summer and had BBQ's to get to know one another again. They moved their rehearsal site to Pawtucket, RI. Now are hard a work for they were invited to sing at International in November.

Sounds of the Seacoast

They have 12 members attending HITS this year. They have 37 members . They used the vocal aerobics program. Bernice and Vohnny are Co-Directors. They were also invited to sing at International in November. They are working with Karen Roarke. Jean O'Connor is coming in February. They are having a cabaret December 8th. They will be doing fundraisers in Sept and Oct for help with International. They have a group called the Unichords who perform in the afternoons.

Women of Note

They had a celebration at a restaurant for their 10th Anniversary, and shared lots of photos from over the years. They will spend their weekends in August singing at Ice Cream Stands. They will do some quartet promotion at the end of August. They did a show in May with Platinum. September 29 they will have their retreat.

NEW BUSINESS

Denise Dyer had an idea for an Area fundraiser. A pocket Calendar. This would have dates marked for chorus rehearsals, deadlines, and events. Could include E-Mails and mini Directories. We could sell to Chorus members and earmark the profit for a specific reason within Area 2. Denise Dyer and Tanya Royer and Cathy LaSalandra volunteered to coordinate this effort.

Area 2 Logo

Discussion as to whether we need an Area 2 logo that is separate from Harmony, Inc. A motion was made to send this to Study and Review. Being no interest the motion was dropped.

Tanya Royer asked how are we involved in Youth outreach? Marj reported that we have a program in Harmony, Inc. called Young Women in Harmony. There are a few people who have been trained in this program to be facilitators. The Music Coordinator sends out mailings always looking for women to work in this program.

Vicki Ferris asked when the promotion video tape was given out. It was done last November.

The date of the Men's Prelims has been moved and we no longer will conflict with the same weekend.

There will be a short meeting of Area 2 Council in November on Thursday Morning. Come to the November meeting with ideas for spending our profit.

There were some corrections made to the new manual address page. Please see attached for the corrections.

Marj thanked everyone for their participation at the meeting and meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Gayle Jordan, Area 2 Secretary