

**Area 2 Council Meeting
November 8, 2001
London, Ontario**

A meeting of the Area 2 Council was held on Thursday morning at the Hilton in London, Ontario. Those present were:

Area 2 Representative	Marj Gillis	
Area 2 Advisor	Linda Muise	
Area 2 Parliamentarian	Bette Nardelli	
Area 2 C&J Chairman	Dianne Clark	
Area 2 Secretary	Gayle Jordan	
Area 2 Treasurer	Diane Zanetti	
Area 2 Bulletin Editor	Charlene McKenney	
Area 2 Education Coordinator	Linda Parviainen	
Area 2 Membership Coordinator	Aileen Murray	
Area 2 Public Relations Coordinator	Chris Kuntz	
Area 2 Quartet Promotions	Cathy DeCoste	
Barre-Tones	Barbara L.	Delegate
Capital Chordettes	Aileen Murray	President
Chair City Pipers	Linda Parviainen	President
Champlain Echoes, Inc.	Vicki Ferris	President
Harmony Heritage	Cathy LaSalandra	President
Maine-ly Harmony	Debbie Staples	President
Montreal Chapter	Gail Kelsall	President
New England Voices In Harmony	Chris Kuntz	President
Sounds of the Seacoast	Sue Bowman	President
The Thousand Islanders	Eva Brown	Delegate
Woman of Note	Martha Wilson	President

Guests

Denise Dyer Area 2 Representative Elect

Marj welcomed everyone to International and hoped that everyone was ready for a great weekend. Marj welcomed back to the Area 2 Council Bette Nardelli our Parliamentarian. Bette had been recuperating from two broken wrists. She is much better and on the road back.

Marj told us that there were a lot of exciting things that will be happening with Harmony, Inc. and we will be hearing about them this weekend.

Treasurers Report

Diane Zanetti reported that there was a total of : \$3419.13 US Checking
\$3661.71 US Savings
\$ 693.78 Canada Checking

Diane stated that \$500.00 has been advanced to Montreal our hostess chapter for AC&C 2002.

Finance Committee

Linda Muise reported for the finance committee. They recommend that in light of the large profit that was made at AC&C 2001, that we add to the \$2000.00 that we voted on in August meeting another \$500.00. This would help out the Area Members with their all events costs. This would bring the total to \$2500.00 that we will be giving back to the membership.

A motion was made by Martha Wilson that we allocate \$2500.00 to the Montreal Chapter to help defray costs for Area 2 AC&C 2002. Sue Bowman Seconded.

Motion Carried

Linda reported that a letter was received from Dianne Clark asking if the Council could help with her costs of attending Category School. The Finance Committee is recommending that we fully support Dianne in attending.

A motion was made by Linda Parviainen that we fully support Dianne Clark to attend Category School in Toronto, January 2002. This would include Travel, ½ room for 3 nights, Registration and 3 days per diem as per Harmony, Inc. policy. Cathy LaSalandra Seconded.
Motion Carried

The Secretary read some Thank You notes from Sharon Moor, Kathy Greason, and Karen Schutt. These were thank you notes for the help they received from Area 2 to attend Category School.

AC&C 2002

The theme will be: At the Barberhop! Gail Kelsall reported that the budget is in and the hotel is reserved. The hotel has been renovated and has a stage with a curtain.

AC&C 2003

Linda Muise reported that it will be back in Nashua at the Sheraton. They really know us now!

Calendars

Denise Dyer reported that we have the calendars now. The total cost was \$585.00. She thanked Cathy LaSalandra for all her hard work in getting these done so quickly. They can be ordered at anytime at a cost of \$5.00. If you have any further items for the next one please let her know.

Marj received a report and letter from the Executive Secretary regarding elections. Nine out of 17 chapters votes did not count. She is asking that Presidents of our chapters please be more aware of deadlines and making sure that the votes are taken early and sent back sooner. Please make sure that the procedure is followed for each vote and that ballots and tally sheets are sent back correctly. In our Area 2 Rep election, No votes were received from Kenne Belles or Tidewater Harmonizers. Votes did not count from New Spirit of Maryland and Champlain Echoes because spoiled ballots were not returned.

In our Mal Election no votes were received from: A Classic Sound, Cape Chordaires, Harmony In Motion, Maine-ly Harmony, New Spirit of Maryland, Tidewater Harmonizers, Kenne-Belles. The Chair City Pipers did not count because of late postmark, and the Harmony Heritage votes did not count because of no master ballot sheet with votes tallied.

Marj stated that other areas had problems also, but with Area 2 being so large it does make a great impact on the vote when these problems occur. There will be reminders sent to chapters and in the Keynote and on the Harmony Connection.

Associate Survey

Diane Zanetti reported for the survey committee. Diane and Gayle Jordan sent out surveys to each associate in Area 2. We had asked how we could better serve them. We explained just what the Area 2 dues was for and what they could receive with this. Most of the responses stated the same results that they didn't know about or when to pay Area 2 dues. They were interested in minutes of council meetings, but were not in favor of a representative on the council. Please remember we only received responses from 14 total. At least 60 were sent out. We will continue to stay in touch with these associates and send reminders of dues.

It was asked by our Area 2 Rep. Marj Gillis if we could on a trial basis send out the minutes via email.

A motion was made by Barbara L. Barre-Tones Delegate that we for a 1 year trial basis send all Area 2 minutes of council meetings by email. Debbie Staples Seconded.
Motion carried

A motion was made by Chris Kuntz that we amend the previous motion to add the words, within 30 days of the meeting. Aileen Murray seconded.
Motion Carried.

Bulletin Editor

Charlene reported that she will be moving to Area 3 soon. The last issue for her will be February. The deadline will be January 15. Charlene will place a help wanted ad in the November and February issues. Thank you for all your hard work Charlene! Job well done!

Old Business

Sue Bowman asked if anything had been done about our medals for Area 2. No Information was given.

At this time our Area 2 Advisor Diane Lorion came in to our meeting.

Marj at this time turned over the meeting to our new Area 2 Representative Denise Dyer, better known as D. Dyer.

Denise thanked everyone for the opportunity to fulfill this position and encouraged everyone to take the chance and run for the open positions. Everyone should have the chance to serve. We are all always learning something new.

Denise recognized Diane Lorion for all her hard work for Area 2. We wish her all the love and support from everyone in Area 2 on her new journey.

Denise recognized Marj Gillis our outgoing Area 2 Rep. She thanked her for her service to Area 2 and her efforts to make this transition a smooth one. She set a fine example as a leader and of what it means to be a member of Harmony, Inc, by the efforts that she made in helping me this week. She has shown a true spirit of Harmony from our hearts. We should all be proud of her efforts.

Marj thanked Area 2 for allowing her the opportunity to serve in this position.

Denise has asked the Council for their ratification of Pat Sargent to the position of Area 2 Advisor Study & Review.

A motion was made by Aileen Murray that we ratify Pat Sargent to the position of Area 2 Advisor Study & Review. Cathy LaSalandra Seconded.

Motion Carried

Denise has asked that Linda Muise Area 2 Advisor Finance and Bette Nardelli as Parliamentarian be ratified in their positions also.

A motion was made by Sue Bowman that we ratify Linda Muise as Area 2 Advisor Finance and Bette Nardelli as Parliamentarian. Eva Brown Seconded.

Motion Carried.

It was asked if we would be receiving a set of corrections for our manuals. It was answered that at this time use the manuals you have and you will be receiving a new manual again. New manuals will be printed with all the corrections that were needed.

Being no further business meeting was adjourned. Respectfully Submitted, Gayle Jordan, Secretary