

Area 2 Council Meeting
August 21, 2004
Windham, ME

Harmony Creed

Area 2 Representative Report

D. Dyer reported that she has 6 choruses left to visit before the end of September. Through these visits she has realized just how important it is for her to visit each chapter and see how members are doing and where she can be the most help to the membership. She has also been very busy online working on Convention, and looking forward to November.

Roll Call

Area 2 Representative D. Dyer
Area 2 Advisor Finance Linda Muise
Area 2 Advisor Study & Review Gail Kelsall
Area 2 Treasurer Cathy LaSalandra
Area 2 Secretary Gayle Jordan
Area 2 Bulletin Editor Diane Zanetti
Area 2 Membership Coordinator Aileen Murray
Area 2 Education Coordinator Linda Parvianian
Area 2 Public Relations/Marketing Chris Kuntz
Area 2 Development Coordinator Aileen Murray
Area 2 ACJC Dianne Clark
Area 2 Manual Chairman Cathy DeCoste
Area 2 Historian Marj Gillis
Barre-Tones Sandy Lewis – President
Capital Chordettes Flo Roy – President
Chair City Pipers Lois Lundsted – President
Champlain Echoes Susan Culbert – President
Harmony Heritage Barbara-Ann MacIntosh – President
Harmony In Motion Helen Levermore - President
Maine-ly Harmony Jerri Doste - President
Montreal Chapter Gail Kelsall – President
New England Voices In Harmony Claire Litalien – Delegate
Silk'n Sounds Betty Dwyer - Delegate
Sounds of the Seacoast Linda Muise – Delegate
The Thousand Islanders Marilyn Wallace – President
Women of Note Marj Gillis – President
Guests - Cindy Repasy – Champlain Echoes

Treasurers Report

Cathy LaSalandra reported that she is still maintaining a Checking and Savings account in the US and a Checking account in Canada. Her full report is on file with the Secretary and was handed out to all those present at this meeting.

She also reported that we have 5 judging Candidates in the US and 6 in Canada. Letters were sent out for them to receive an allotment if they responded. We have been fortunate to give them \$100.00 each to help defray their costs.

A motion was made by Marj Gillis to approve the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Barbara-Ann MacIntosh. Motion Carried.

Linda Muise reminded us that we should remember to pay Area 2 dues of \$4.00 at the same time that we pay our International Dues. That way nobody would be late.

Finance Committee Report

Recommendations from the Finance Committee

- 1.) That we increase the Area 2 Rep. Travel by \$500.00. Her travel is covered by Area 2 Budget. She only asks for Mileage and Tolls. This will allow her budget to handle all of the trips needed to visit chapters for the year.
- 2.) That we increase the stage managers budget from \$1000.00 to \$1250.00. This would only be for this year to cover expense for 2004. This will help with expenses for assistants such as Joan Noreau who helps back stage and is not part of a chorus at this time. These people volunteer to be a part of this stage team each year.
- 3.) With the AC&C 2004 profit of about \$4000.00, we would like to add an additional \$500.00 this year to the judge's fund. This will allow a total of \$150.00 each.
- 4.) Would like to use \$2000.00 for AC&C 2005 this would take \$5.00 off each all events pass. Taking them from \$80.00 each to \$75.00 each.
- 5.) To increase the Area 2 Rep Travel to \$1800.00 for fiscal year 2005, and \$2000.00 for fiscal 2006.

A motion was made by Barbara-Ann MacIntosh to accept the recommendations of the finance committee. Seconded by Lois Lundsted. Motion Carries.

A motion was made by Betty Dwyer to amend the previous motion to read that we increase the judge's fund to \$1200.00. And accept the rest of the recommendations. Seconded by Marj Gillis. Motion Carries.

2006 Budget

A motion was made By Barbara-Ann MacIntosh to increase the Area 2 Rep budget to \$2000.00. Seconded by Gail Kelsall. Motion Carries.

A motion was made by Barbara-Ann MacIntosh to make a financial policy change to be that a judging candidate may receive up to \$200.00. Seconded by Betty Dwyer. Motion Carries.

ABC Day 2004

September 18th from 9-5 at the Presbyterian Church

All Events pass is \$25.00 Canadian This will include, water, snack, and lunch.

There will be about 8 different classes.

Coaching is available

Expenses should not be high. There are a few beds available is needed.

There will be 5 to 7 certified judges teaching.

It is open to non-harmony members.

Montreal 2004

They reported that their all events was \$117.00 because of travel expenses they saved \$2000.00 on judges travel. They had one more chorus attend this year. They had more associates who purchased all events passes and non-Harmony.

Craft classes were well attended.

They made \$450.00 in the Hospitality room.

They took in \$868.00 for Autism on the Basket raffle.

They had a youth chorus for the first time, under the direction of Jennifer Wheaton.

They will perform at International 2004.

Dianne Clark and Stage Crew were just great.

They made about a \$4000.00 profit.

AC&C 2005

Barbara-Ann reported for Harmony Heritage that the place will be the Crowne Plaza hotel in Warwick, RI. The rooms will be \$119.00 across the Board.

Tollgate High School will be the contest site.

All Events will be \$80.00.

The council asked that the youth chorus be able to perform. Barbara-Ann will take care of contacting them to set it up.

AC&C 2006

A motion was made by Susan Culbert to accept a bid from Champlain Echoes to hostess AC&C 2006. Seconded by Flo Roy. Motion carried.

Champlain Echoes have secured a site. The Windem Hotel, Burlington, VT. Rooms are: Single/ double \$99.00 Triple \$109.00 Quad \$119.00.

They are still waiting for school to make a commitment.

D. reminded us that we are still looking for and Area 2 Parliamentarian.

Borderlines

Diane reported that we should all continue to submit articles to the borderlines. It is published 3 times a year. Jan 15-May 15- Oct. 15. She would like to recommend that we change the Oct 15 date to Sept. 15 this will allow for publication of Fall Chapter shows.

A motion was made by Marj Gillis that we change the fall deadline date to read September 15 instead of October 15. Seconded by Marilyn Wallace. Motion Carries.

The Thousand Islanders wanted to discuss the issue of the Draw with the council members. They have been on the end of the draw 2 or 3 times now and always miss the entire contest. They thought that maybe the draw could develop moving one space each year so they would have a chance to be in another position.

A motion was made by Marj Gillis that we send this to Study&Review for suggestions for the next council meeting. That this will not affect AC&C 2005. Seconded by Susan Culbert. Motion Carries.

Chapter Reports

Chapter reports because of length are kept on file with the Area 2 Secretary. You may request to read by contacting the secretary and she will in turn send them to you.

At this time a Lunch Break was taken.

International 2004

Registration will be in the Hospitality room and not separate as requested.

D. read a letter that she sent to the International convention committee about a mailing with information on international 2004. And asking for postage costs from the \$600.00 shipping budget.

D. read the response from Bonnie Carter. Thanks for thinking of it but it cannot become an International expense, but may become an area 2 expense from Area stipend.

D. read her response back to international committee, Thanks for response, but not for lack of support. Area 2 will cover the cost, because we made the commitment and will honor that.

Linda Parviainen offered her expertise in rewording this past response so as to be blunt but with proper attitude.

After Linda has made some changes D. will rewrite the letter and send out to the council to read. If you do not wish to sign the letter as part of council please let D. know.

Financial concerns will be addressed in Area 2's Final Report.

Registration

Marj reported that she has not had much help from Karen Gungel or Mary King. Registration forms are all set and they are working on getting the form on the website. She is working on a firm schedule for registration by end of Sept. Ditty bags are in the works. She will contact Tracy Taylor w/ info on music for mass sing these will go in the ditty bags with a restaurant list also.

Volunteer list

Gayle Jordan has offered to keep and collect a volunteer list and a cell phone list for committee to use to communicate better.

Programs

At this time it looks like they may come in under budget.

Dinners

Friday & Saturday Dinner will be \$25.00 each. This must be prepaid commitment. Cathy DeCoste will send out a registration form. Friday morning Coffee and muffins at 8:30am August 28th is deadline for next corporate mailing for any of this info.

Contest

Contest is under control with Cynthia. Dianne Clark is working with her and helping with the choruses.

Meetings

Rooms are all set by Cynthia. Linda will be there the Saturday before convention to help with the IBOD. Membership Representative from Area 2 will be someone from Champlain Echoes or Student member or both. Either each Area 2 chapter will choose a member and one will be drawn from a hat, or each chapter will choose a Molly member and or student member to be involved in a draw.

Judges

Linda has received all their travel schedules and sounds of the seacoast will hostess them.

Autism

Barbara-Ann has put out info on autism raffle. Harmony's and sing with the queen's contribution goes together. Please email BAM w/info on autism resources. She would like something from US and Canada.

Special events

Presidents reception – hostess Maine-ly Harmony Membership reception – hostess D. Dyer Saturday Showcase – hostess Capital Chordettes.

Decorations

Julie has been speaking with Sandra about each chorus making a banner to carry into the membership meeting. Mailbox will be the Green Monster and will be in the hospitality room.

If anyone would like to volunteer to sell Autism raffle tickets let BAM know.

PR

They are working on a reduced rate. The Rochester Mayer may attend. They are advertising our youth chorus. The committee is using every avenue to promote the convention including posters and mail and Radio and TV possibly. They would like to know who is on the showcase. Where is the autism donation going, Classes what are they, They also need a local number for the Rochester press.

Hospitality

8 chapters have asked for table to sell.
There will be a vendor for Jewelry and T-Shirts.
Harmony properties and chocolate pitch pipes will be sold.
Vendors will be in a different room from us.
You must schedule your own workers for your own tables.
Coffee will be available and each chapter will be asked to bring a donation of a goodie.
Each chapter is asked to bring their own cash boxes. Room will be secured.
Make your own table sign.
Hospitality will close at 10am on Sunday.

Door Decorating

Julie will coordinate. Area 2 will have a hospitality suite for Saturday night.

The committee will check and see who is selling tickets @ the door. Parade – Quartet-Chorus- Showcase.

At this time the order of draw was done by the council with Dianne Clark overseeing.
There are 24 Choruses and 26 quartets competing.

Meeting was adjourned with the singing of the theme song directed by Cindy Repasy.

Respectfully submitted.
Gayle Jordan
Area 2 Secretary