

Area 2 Council Meeting
August 20, 2005
Windham, ME

Harmony Creed

Opening Remarks – Area 2 Rep Gail Kelsall welcomed everyone to the meeting. She reported that she had received a certificate for membership anniversary for Barbara-Ann Mac Intosh for her 40 years of being a member of Harmony. Go BAM! We will break for lunch around 10:30am. Lunch is being served by Debbie from Maine-ly Harmony. Thanks Debbie!

Roll Call was taken and we have a quorum.

Area 2 Rep report – Gail assumed the roll as Area 2 rep in May of 2005. She attended Mid- year meeting and met the members of the IBOD. She is looking forward to the coming year and would like to continue the chapter visits that D. Dyer had started.

Secretary's report – Gayle Reported that sometimes life gets in the way and the minutes are late and apologized for this. Also she will be gathering information for an electronic Area 2 Address and contact sheet of the Council only. This will be updated each year.

Treasurer's report – Barbara-Ann Mac Intosh gave her report for AC&C 2005. Cathy reported that Area 2 is healthy with - \$5,037.62 in savings not including the \$4,000.00 profit from AC&C 2005. The Treasurer's report is on file with the Secretary if you didn't get one.

Finance Committee – Recommendations are:

1 – All Events pass 2006 price will be \$60.00 plus \$25.00 dinner. We recommend that we take off \$10.00 each using the Area 2 Profit money from 2005 AC&C. That will bring the price down to \$75.00 each.

Motion was made by Karen Schutt and seconded by Aileen Murray to reduce the all events price by \$10.00 using the profit money from AC&C 2005. Motion Carried.

2 – To purchase a new Area 2 Laptop and Multi Media Printer for the Area 2 rep to use.

Motion was made by Sandy Lewis and Seconded By Margaret Bartholomew to spend up to \$2,000.00 for a new laptop and multi media printer for Area 2 rep to use.

Motion Carried.

3 – Credit/Debit Cards finance committee recommends that chapters look into this. That Area 2 look into it further for future discussions. International impressed with Area 1 Airline miles. Gail will contact Susan Tucker to get information from her on her card.

4 – For your information International has upped it's rates for travel and per diem. We will also to be in sync. The price per mile will now be \$.35 per mile and the per diem will be \$40.00 per day now. These prices are effective as of October 1 for mileage and December 1 for per diem.

5 – We would like to offer the Judges and Candidates in our area support of \$150.00 each this year.

Motion made by Barbara-Ann Mac Intosh and seconded by Suzie Watterson that we offer each Judge and Candidate the amount of \$150.00 for this year. Motion Carried.

Area 2 Convention reports - 2006 – Champlain Echoes They have a hotel which is the Windham formerly the Radisson. They don't have a school yet. There is plenty of shopping for the Capital Chordettes. The theme will be: Showers of Harmony.

Items submitted for the Agenda –

Questions from the Capital Chordettes on AC&C 2006.

1 – No transportation for Quartets? This is contestants responsibility. If there is a need they should contact the hostess chapter and request.

2 – Reserve tables for Saturday evening? Area 2 chose not to issue a policy, the hostess chapter should have the right to reserve or not.

3 – Feature all competitors with 1 song each on Saturday evening? Area 2 policy leaves this evenings program to the hostess chapter.

Manual Chairman Election - Marj Gillis has submitted her name to stand for the position of Manual Chairman.

Motion was made by Margaret Bartholomew and seconded by Karen Schutt to ratify Marj Gillis to the position of Manual Chairman. Motion Carried.

Membership/Fundraiser – Aileen Murray had the idea of a bracelet for Area 2 to sell for fundraiser. Have a slogan and the international website address on it.

Motion was made by Karen Schutt and seconded by Chris Kuntz that we send this to Study & Review for more information. We would ask for 500 total amount for Area 2 Saturation point. Feedback from Study& Review ASAP. If 1000 is needed to order send info to D. Dyer by October 1 is Area 2 does it. Motion Carried.

Dianne Clark reported that we have 269 pitchpipe chocolates left to sell for \$2.00 each. She asked if we could put something on website and send a reminder to all chapters.

Chapter Reports – Chapter reports were given at this time and all filed with the Area 2 Secretary.

Break for Lunch

Bids for AC&C 2007 – Capital Chordettes reported that they have the 4 points hotel and convention center.

Bids for AC&C 2008 – Sounds of the Seacoast reported that they have the Sheraton of Nashua penciled in.

Bids for ABC Day 2006– WON and Chair City Pipers will hostess. They will announce the date by October 1. It will be March 11 or 18. They are working on a budget.

Report on ABC Day – The Thousand Islanders 2004 – Profit of \$583.00

Bids on ABC Day 2007 – Lea Davies Maybe?

Questions were asked about the pictures from AC&C 2005 – Karen Schutt reported that she had seen two different chorus photos and they were not good. She also stated that her quartet photo had a stain on the wall in the background and this should have been taken care of. Is there any means of getting these fixed and will he be asked back? Barbara-Ann reported that the Thousand Islanders faces were dark and

that he was trying to correct this problem and that anyone with problems should contact Bob Pare' themselves.

At this time the council broke for an afternoon Brainstorming session, breaking into 3 groups for membership/Recruitment/Retention. They then came back with some ideas to share. All these are kept on file with the secretary but too numerous to include in minutes. If you would like a list please ask the secretary and she will get them to you.

Chris Kuntz will check out the Harmony Explosion package on website as to the cost and such for our Area to buy.

Gail Kelsall asked Chapter Presidents to email her with how you may have used some of these suggestions. They are not all new but some may be to you.

Autism Report – BAM reported that the raffle at AC&C 2005 gave us \$1,150.00 to donate to the Groden Center. Thank you was received from the center.

Video's – Marj asked for clarification on what was on the Video BAM received and if the next one will be the same.

Marj also reported that in August of 2004 we sent to Study & Review information on the Draw. Whether we should change it or not. Has been put aside.

Dianne Clark reported that Area 2 Support Ribbons for International are \$.35 a ribbon with names for a total of \$103.95 was spent for IC&C 2004. Do we want these again?

Motion was made by BAM and seconded by Karen Schutt that we purchase 300 Support Ribbons for International 2005. Motion Carried.

Chapter Visitations – Gail's thought was to have Aileen and Chris travel with her. We feel there are different ways for Gail to visit making it special for them.

Agenda Item for the next meeting will be: P/R visits to be covered financially.

BAM asked for the AC&C Traveling file to be with Manual Chairman.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be April 27, 2006, Thursday at 7:30 pm at the Windham Hotel, Burlington VT.

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle Jordan
Area 2 Secretary