

Area 2 Council Meeting
April 27, 2006
Windham, Burlington, VT

Harmony Creed

Introductions and Welcome – Gail Welcomed everyone to the meeting. She welcomed all new Presidents to their first meeting and explained how important it is to represent Area 2, their chapter and Harmony, Inc. She also stated that Area 2 needs them to attend the Council meeting in August also.

Roll Call – We have a quorum.

Area 2 Rep report – Gail gave her report stating that we have a new prospective chorus in Area 2 Called, Harmony 207, D. Dyer is the founder of this new prospective chapter. We look forward to adding them to our council soon. Gail looks forward to another exciting year. Her full report is on file with the Area 2 Secretary.

Gail read a letter she received from Digger McDougall noting that April 22-29th is national volunteer week. The letter was thanking all of our volunteers for their help in growing our communities. Volunteers make us stronger changing our lives through singing. So Volunteer a song whenever possible, and watch something grow.

Reports

Treasurer – Cathy reported that she is keeping all accounts up to date and that Area 2 is doing very well, mostly because of the profits that we make on AC&C's.

Finance – Linda explained her injury to her arm. One more time Linda! She is working on the current budgets.

Study& Review – Aileen reported having nothing pressing in Study&Review.

Education Coordinator – Linda P. is looking for ABC Day in the US and Canada. We have some really good classes offered @ AC&C and have 16 classes. Thanks to Champlain Echoes for handling things form here.

Borderlines Editor – Diane Z. Thanked everyone for the articles and photos for the 3 issues already done. Please keep sending ads and articles. The deadline for the next issue is May 15 for the June issue.

ACJC – Dianne C. Champlain Echoes have done a FAB Job! Thanks to Nancy and Irene and the Chapter for Chairing. Dianne Stated she is not married to this position if you would like to try it please feel free to let Jacquie Jensen know you are interested. We are going to Ottawa or actually Hull next year for AC&C.

Development Coordinator – Aileen reported that she handles phone calls and emails with questions about membership.

Membership Coordinators – Area 2 is spread far and wide and she would like to visit more. If you need anything don't hesitate to ask. Ideas can be bounced back and forth. There is a small group of 15 to 20 in east Ottawa she will visit them and explain about Harmony, Inc.

Manual Chairman / Historian/ Parliamentarian – Marj reported that all the History books are up to date. Also the Parliamentarian books. The Manual is also up to date. Changes will be made as needed.

Public Relations/ Marketing – Chris has done a goal setting with two chapters. Champlain Echoes being one. They have increased membership by 12 since she came to see them. The Thousand Islanders have a new mission statement and new website.

Quartet Promotion – Linda P. pass her email onto quartets in your chorus. She would like to include them in ABC Days and wants to do more.

Director Network Chair – Cathy DeCoste she is doing great on keeping up our website.

Autism – BAM – She is doing a great job for Area 2. She has again coordinated baskets for this year at AC&C for raffle.

Report AC&C 2006 – Everything is going great so far, final report will be coming soon as done.

AC&C 2007 – Capital Chordettes – We will be in Hull at the 4 points Sheraton which is attached to the convention center. The theme will be Denim and Diamonds- There will be a Hodown. Dates are April 26-29th.

Bid for AC&C 2008 – Sounds of the Seacoast – At the Sheraton Nashua and they are also looking into Portsmouth area.

We need volunteers for the 2009 AC&C.

Bid for AC&C 2010 – Harmony Heritage – at the Crowne Plaza April 22, 2010.

Area 2 Generations Chorus Report – Jennifer Wheaton reported that membership is growing each year.

2004 – 10 members – 4 Choruses

2005 – 20 members – 7 Choruses

2006 – 31 members – 7 Choruses

She has made certificates for participation. She sent out notice but did not hear from all choruses contacted. Also 4 Associates could have participated if she had known their names.

Report on Area 2 ABC Day – Linda P. reported that there were 82 members present – 3 were students.

Bids for ABC Day 2007 – Maine-ly Harmony

2008 – NEVIH – in Nashua – First church

Agenda Items for discussion –

Youth outreach coordinator for Area 2 – put forth by Jackie White. Motion was made by Lois Lundsted seconded by Cindy Knapp to table until August Council meeting. Motion Carried.

How to keep in touch with choruses who don't always compete.- put forth by Chris Kuntz – Motion was made by Lynn Reed seconded by Julie Schwingbeck to table until the august meeting. Motion carried.

Buttons i.e. Singing Valentines, free Vocals lessons. Please discuss to bring ideas to august council meeting. Put forth by Chris Kuntz.

Flyer design contest – August meeting discussion. Put forth by Chris Kuntz.

If you would like a PR workshop or chorus makeover please contact Chris Kuntz and let her know. She would be happy to help at anytime.

Credit Card for Area 2 – Tabled until August Council Meeting.

Please remember that Passports will be needed by 2007-2008 for travel between US and Canada. Please start the process now because it does take some time to get.

A numerous amount of certificates of membership were received and passed out at council meeting. Some big ones were, 25th anniversary of Sounds of Seacoast – Rose Turner 30 years – Pauline Treloar 35 years – Betty Nardelli 45 years.

Cindy Knapp volunteered to be on Finance committee this year.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be August 4th and 5th 2006 in either Portsmouth or Nashua. We will advise soon.

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle Jordan
Area 2 Secretary