

**AREA 2 COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2007**

The summer council meeting was held at _____, Gail Kelsall, Area 2 Representative presiding. Those in attendance were:

Area 2 Representative	Gail Kelsall
Area 2 Finance Advisor	Linda Muise
Area 2 Study & Review Advisor	Aileen Murray
Area 2 Development Coordinator	
Area 2 Membership Coordinator	
Area 2 Parliamentarian	Marj Andrew
Area 2 Historian	
Area 2 Manual Coordinator	
Area 2 Marketing/PR Coordinator	Chris Kuntz
Area 2 Treasurer	Cathy La Salandra
Area 2 Education Coordinator	Linda Parvianen
Area 2 Quartet Coordinator	Sandhya Desmond

Barre-Tones, Inc	Barbara Ladabush - President
Capital Chordettes, Inc	Aileen Murray – Delegate
Chair City Pipers	Lois Lundstead - President
Champlain Echoes, Inc	Mary Jane Thieret – Delegate
Harmony Heritage	Cathy La Salandra – President
Maine-ly Harmony	Sue Staples – President
Montreal City Voices	Heather Solomon – President
New England Voices in Harmony	Kate Steer - President
Silk & Sounds	Donna Danbury – Delegate
Sounds of the Seacoast	Linda Muise – Delegate
Women of Note	Marj Andrew – Delegate

Those not in attendance	
Area 2 Secretary	Gayle Jordan
Area 2 Borderlines Editor	Diane Zanetti
Area 2 ACJC	Dianne Clark
Area 2 Website Coordinator	Cathy DeCoste

The following chapters had no representation

A Classic Sound
Cape Chordaires
Crosstown Harmony
Harmony in Motion
NoteAble Blend
Thousand Islanders

Guests

Louise Talarczyk	Silk & Sounds
Catherine Connolly	Champlain Echoes, Inc
Catherine Cuculo	Harmony Heritage

The meeting was called to order with a welcome by Gail and the reciting of the Harmony Creed. Linda Muise directed the council singing of the Harmony Theme Song

Motion by Lois Lundstead and seconded by Donna to accept the minutes from the previous meeting: Motion carried

Gail presented her Area 2 Representative Report. The highlights were:

- 1 Area 2 has the most chapters of any area
- 2 Membership is the key focus of the IBOD for this year – Harmony's membership is aging and we need to form some strategies for recruiting more members
- 3 Part of her job description is to visit every chapter and she is finding this difficult. Some suggestions to Gail were to set up mini visitation teams and have them visit chapters, especially those who do not participate and explain to them why they are important to the Area and ask if they need help. Aileen Murray, Barbara Ladabush and Cathy Cuculo volunteered to be the mini visitation team.
- 4 Reminder that by March 31, 2008 all chapters must be incorporated. Incorporation papers should be sent to Executive Secretary.
- 5 Brought up idea of Sister Chapters again
- 6 It is disturbing that some chapters do not have any idea of a hierarchy within Harmony, Inc.
- 7 Wants some ideas on how to get all information to chapter members. In visiting chapters, both she and Aileen Murray, have found that many presidents do not pass on information to their members

Area 2 Treasurer, Cathy La Salandra, presented her report

Motion by Heather Solomon and seconded by Aileen Murray to accept the treasurers report as presented. Motion Carried

Area 2 Advisor, Linda Muise, presented the financial report. ACJC 2008 AC&C Funding - we currently have been double budgeting the Area 2 ACJC on the Area Budget and on the AC&C Budget. Finance committee recommends deleting the line item from the Area Budget starting with the 2008 budget. Also, the line item for photos – finance committee recommends deleting this from the AC&C budget as now that there is digital photography and photos are on the websites, there is no longer any need for hard copy photos for a History Book. This will change the job description of the Historian. New job description to be written after conferring with Dianne Clark re photographer at contest.

Motion by Lois Lundstead and seconded by Sue Staples to remove these two line items starting with the 2008 Budgets. Motion Carried

Finance Committee recommends allocating some monies from our treasury to help defray the cost of all events passes at AC&C 2008.

Motion by Kate Steer and seconded by Cathy La Salandra to use \$3,000 from the Area Treasury to defray the costs of AC&C 2008 all events passes. Motion Carried

Motion by Kate Steer and seconded by Lois Lundstead to send to Study & Review asking the feasibility of using profits from our AC&C's to assist chapter or members financially to attend future AC&C's or perhaps HITS. Motion Carried

Finance committee recommends using funds to assist our Area 2 judges with a check for \$150 (in the funds of their home country) to be used for category school or other

expenses associated with their judging experience. There are 6 certified judges and 2 candidates.

Motion by Aileen Murray and seconded by Barbara Ladabush to accept the finance committee recommendation for assisting Area 2 Judges and Candidates.

Motion Carried

AC&C Reports

2007 AC&C – Aileen Murray reported that it went very well, she filed her report and the secretary has a copy should you wish to review it. She reported that every member of the chapter helped in some way. She is requesting an updated AC&C Manual be completed and she offered to assist with it. Attendance was down a little. The silent auction they held was well received. The centerpiece auction also raised more money than anticipated. \$500 was saved on judges' travel.

2008 AC&C – Linda Muise, Chairman Sounds of the Seacoast are hostess and it will be held in Portland Maine. The theme is "Feeling Groovy" the headquarters hotel will be the Marriot at Sable Oaks with the Holiday Inn Express as the overflow. They are looking at one of the 6 high schools in the area to hold the contest in.

2009 AC&C Hostesses are Silk & Sounds and the theme is "Fabulous Fifties"

2010 AC&C Hostesses are Harmony Heritage and it will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, RI

2011 AC&C Hostesses are New England Voices in Harmony - bidding

Motion by Sue Staples and seconded by Donna to accept the bid from New

England voices In Harmony for 2011 AC&C **Motion Carried** Just a reminder that the 2011 AC&C will be May 12-14, not the last full weekend in April

ABC DAYS

Sept 15, 2008 Hostesses are Maine-ly Harmony – there is information on the website

Oct 4, 2008 Hostesses are New England Voices in Harmony

2009 Hostesses are Capital Chordettes, Inc

2010 thru 2011 there are no ABC Days planned

Chapter Reports – All reports are on file with the Secretary and can be reviewed by request

New Business

Capital Chordettes, Inc. requested permission for a new award to be presented to Area 2 chorus "Most Improved in Singing Category over the prior Area 2 AC&C". The award is to be named the "Carol Gardner Singing With Heart Award". The trophy will be a pewter pendant to be kept by the chorus in hopes that they will pass it around every month to a member to honor their singing contributions to the chorus.

Motion by Cathy La Salandra and seconded by Marj Andrew to accept the "Carol Gardner Singing With Heart Award as presented by Capital Chordettes. **Motion Carried**

Youth Outreach Coordinator

Gail has sent out requests to several people who have been identified as possibly interested in becoming Youth Outreach Coordinators. She has had no response. Chapter Presidents, please ask your chapter members and if you know of anyone who

would like to apply for a position, let Gail know. There is a new packet being put together for this position. The main focus will to bring in young members.

Scholarship [HITS] [Students]

There are several Area 2 scholarships available for young members. One is Jackie Kluster Scholarship - a scholarship for youth to attend HITS, AC&C or International. The scholarship is for \$500.

There is a scholarship for directors for continuing education.

There is a scholarship for Chapter Officers Training.

This is something that needs to be revisited at the April meeting.

AC&C AEP for Non-Competing Members

International has voted AEP for non-competing chorus members at a flat fee. Does Area 2 want to adopt the same policy? Gail asked members to take back to their chapters and give information to Aileen Murray by email.

Borderlines

By consensus, the members agreed that the Borderlines is a wonderful effort. Gail will communicate with Diane Z to see how she felt about the project.

Autism as an Area 2 Charity

By vote, it was decided that "Area 2 will continue to support Autism as the Area 2 Charity".

AC&C Team Concept

Area 3 has implemented a team concept for AC&C and find it is working well. Not being there, Dianne Clark's opinion was not known. Gail appointed an Ad Hoc committee to look at the concept, gather information from other areas and report back at the next Council meeting. Linda Muise will chair the committee.

Resignation

Linda P - Education Coordinator will retire on September 14, 2007. Gail thanked her for all her work for the Area.

Motion by Heather Solomon and seconded by Lois Lundstrum to accept the appointment of Sandhya Desmond as Area 2 Education Coordinator. Motion Carried

Catherine Cuculo has offered to work with her

Addition to minutes:

Aileen Murray and Chris Kuntz presented corporate's plans for Operation Sparkplug and a proposal for an Area 2 Award to the council. The council approved the Area 2 Award...consisting of a set of free learning tracks (not to exceed \$200) to the Area 2 Chapter with the largest increase in membership (minimum 10%). Provided that chapter isn't the corporate winner. In that case the chapter with the 2nd largest increase in membership would receive the award.

Meeting adjourned

Marj Andrew, recording secretary

