

Area 2 Council Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2008
Portland, ME

Harmony Creed

Gail Kelsall, Area 2 Representative welcomed all to Portland, Me and the Area 2 Council Meeting. She introduced Carolyn Pellow our International Executive Secretary, to the council. As a member of the IBOD Carolyn is representing the IBOD at our Area 2 AC&C. She is a wonderful representative for Harmony, Inc. and will be also teaching a class this weekend. Carolyn brought greetings from Kath Morgan our International President and the rest of the IBOD also. Gail stated that she had sent her report to the council prior to the meeting and went over some of her report, which will be added to the Area 2 Website for viewing.

Roll Call

Area 2 Representative	Gail Kelsall
Area 2 Advisor – Finance	Linda Muise
Area 2 Advisor- Study &Review	Aileen Murray
Area 2 Secretary	Gayle Jordan
Area 2 Treasurer	Cathy La Salandra
Area 2 Development Coordinator	Aileen Murray
Area 2 Membership Coordinator	Aileen Murray
Area 2 Parliamentarian	Marj Andrew
Area 2 Historian	Marj Andrew
Area 2 Manual Chairman	Marj Andrew
Area 2 Marketing/PR Coordinator	Chris Kuntz
Area 2 Education Coordinator	Linda Parviainen
Area 2 ACJC	Dianne Clark
Area 2 Borderlines Editor	Diane Zanetti
Area 2 Website Coordinator	Cathy De Coste
Area 2 Quartet Promotion	Sandhya Desmond
Barre-Tones, Inc.	Barbara Ladabush
Capital Chordettes	Lynn Reed
Chair City Pipers	Lois Lundsted
Champlain Echoes	Pat Everts
Harmony Heritage	Loretta Lapierre
Maine-ly Harmony	Sue Staples
Montreal City Voices	Heather Solomon
New England Voices In Harmony	Kate Steer
Silk'n Sounds	Sharon Callie
Sounds of the Seacoast	Heidi Burger
Women of Note	Kathy Menzel

Guests

Carolyn Pellow – International Executive Secretary
Sue Kellison – Capital Chordettes
Donna Danbury – Silk'n Sounds

REPORTS

Treasurer

As of the end of the fiscal year March 31 we had in our accounts. US Checking - \$1,636.24 in our Savings account - \$321.35 and in our CND Checking - \$705.54.

These are lower than in the past years. Some reasons are: We had budgeted \$350.00 for the Summer Area 2 Council meeting and the actual expenses were, \$1,036.30. Part because of the location and having to have our finance committee meeting the night before the council meeting meant that people had to stay over and travel was an expense.

We also had 3 extra Judging Candidates for Category School that we had not planned on in our budget. We need to look at our budget and expenses and find a way to help those without relying totally on a profit from our AC&C's to fund our Area.

We also need to look at making some changes to our Area 2 Dues. At this time now that the Canadian dollar is worth more we need to make a change for our Canadian sisters who are paying more in dues now than we are in the US.

Linda Muise stated that her chapter doesn't foresee any problems with this AC&C funding its expenses but she also stated she didn't see a large profit coming either. The council would like to have a budget in place for the year by the August council meeting so that we can look at our expenses for the coming year and what our finances will be to cover them.

We had two volunteers who will serve on the Finance committee for the coming year.

Loretta Lapierre from Harmony Heritage.

Kathy Menzel from Women of Note

Linda Muise of the finance committee didn't have any items for review at this time. She did let us know that tables had been assigned to choruses for the Saturday dinner. These were done by a draw just like our position in the contest. She also asked that we please police our rooms at the school and make sure that there is no food or anything out of place when we leave.

Study & Review

Visitation Team

A small team has been put together to help with the visitation to choruses. This is a large job and Gail is only one person. Gail will be putting together another questionnaire for the choruses asking what would be her roll when visiting? Is there something that needs to be addressed with your choruses that she can help with or would it just be a social visit? It was decided that we need to prioritize things and visit more with chapters that are not attending conventions. Making human contact with these chapters is important. We will work out a calendar for a year of visits. We would like to organize these visits so that the right person is visiting for the right reasons or areas of help that they need.

AEP's

It was decided to try to visit the chapters not attending AC&C first before deciding on a reduced AEP. We will poll the chapters not attending and the Associates from Area 2 also. Silk'n Sounds will have an AEP price for us at the August meeting so we will revisit this issue then after the polls are taken.

Education Coordinator

Linda has a great group of classes lined up for this weekend and also has a lot in place for our upcoming ABC Days that are planned. She is looking to step out of this position, but will remain until someone is found. Presidents were asked to go back to their chapters and ask if there is anyone interested in doing this job even if it is a co-Chairmanship.

Borderlines

Diane thanked everyone for their articles in the last issue. Our next deadline is May 15th. One of the choruses in last issue did an article on one of their members and introduced her to Area 2 by giving lots of info on her Harmony life and her outside Harmony life too. It's nice to know more about people. We only see them sometimes at Harmony functions it's nice to know the whole person.

ACJC

Dianne stated everything is going well and everything is in place. We have the Misner team this year back stage and we also have a newcomer to Area 2 AC&C Jeff Forman. Jeff was a big help to us at International last year and is someone we want in our corner helping out. He will be doing curtain duty so you will see him backstage.

Also, the stage is small and the apron is very small. So please make your choruses and Directors aware of this. It is cosy.

Membership

We have about 475 members in Area 2 now. Craft classes that we have at AC&C and our ABC days are very helpful in retaining and gaining new members. New ideas are always great. Operation Sparkplug has been a great help this year for most of our chapters in Area 2. It is a wonderful tool.

Development

We need to reinstate our buddy chapter system again. Increase our communication amongst our chapters. Gail will do this.

We need to appoint a Youth Coordinator in each chapter to work with an Area 2 Coordinator. Exchange ideas more with our buddies.

We may need to look geographically where might be a good place to start some more chapters for the Area.

Historian

We have had problems in the past years getting photos of our winners for the history books. Gayle Jordan has offered to take the history books and put them on digital venue for archival purposes. We will work on getting photos better to have also for our website in Area 2.

Also will look at the job description and revamp.

Manual Chairman

She has two changes to send to Cathy for the manual on website. After our summer meeting there may be more.

Marketing/PR

We have 14 out of 16 chapters with their own websites now. Chris will work with choruses more on use of websites. There are marketing tools on website for choruses to use. We need to work more on marketing ourselves more on the outside than with our members. Chris Kuntz has a report which will be placed on the website for your reading pleasure. Please take a look at it.

Website

Cathy has been busy with info for our AC&C on the website. She is still working on ways to get the info on sooner for us to use. She will make a checklist for hostess chapters to remind them to get the info to her. She welcomes any submissions to add to the website. She also has a bill to turn in for the website space use.

Youth Outreach Coordinator

We have an applicant for this position from Capital Chordettes chapter. Her name is Jillian Cooper, she has been a member of Capital Chordettes for 3 years. She has a BA in Music and Minor in Business. She is a member of the Youth Barbershop Chorus in Ottawa, which was launched in Feb.2008. She is willing to learn.

A motion was made to accept Jillian Cooper as Area 2 Youth Coordinator using the International Job description and tailoring it for Area 2.

Motioned by Lynn Reed Seconded by Sue Staples. Motion carried.

Gail has been approached by Walt Lane and Jeff Forman of the Society to collaborate on events for the Men & Women in Barbershop. She will look into this more.
Generations Chorus

It is the 5th Anniversary of the Generations chorus. Jennifer Wheaton has reached the age of 24 and will no longer be classified as Youth. The Generations chorus will be approached to see if there is anyone who would like to direct the chorus. The description of the chorus states that it will be directed by a member of the chorus. If there is no one who wants the position within then we will have to look at this again and Jennifer has offered to stay on in this role.

AC&C 2009

Silk'n Sounds have a team shadowing Sounds of the Seacoast this year gathering all the information they can for theirs next year. Good Job! They have written a couple of grants to help with funding for next year also. It will be in the Omni Hotel ½ block from the Yale campus. That's all for now.

AC&C 2010

Harmony Heritage will be hosting and we will be at the Crowne Plaza again in Warwick, RI and hopefully at the Winman Jr. High school for contest. There will only be one hotel.

AC&C 2011

New England Voices In Harmony will be hosting. Diane Coates is the Chairman and looking for some hotel bids. The dates will be changed for this year only because of holidays. This convention will be May 12-14.

AC&C 2012

Looking for bids.

ABC Day 2008

New England Voices In Harmony will host this on October 4th in Nashua.

ABC Day 2009

Capital Chordettes will host. Flo Roy is the chairman. More info will come.

Sparkplug

Area 2 Rocks! Harmony In Motion has 7 new members and were our winners. More info on this will come in August.

The Capital Chordettes are presenting an award in Memory of Carol Gardner their Director and our friend. This will be an Area 2 Award giving starting this weekend.

Council meeting in August will be **August 9th in Gardiner, MA**. Our hostesses will be Chair City Pipers.

Elections

The following positions were up for election this year and being only one candidate for each; one vote was cast for each by the Area 2 Secretary.

Treasurer – Cathy La Salandra

Historian – Gayle Jordan

Development Coordinator. – Aileen Murray

Marketing/PR Coordinator. – Chris Kuntz

Website Coordinator. – Cathy DeCoste

Thank you ladies for allowing your names to stand for these positions.

We are still looking for an **Education Coordinator. And a Quartet Promotion Coordinator.**

Gail Kelsall will also be looking to fill an advisor position because of Linda Muise stepping down from this position. Thanks Linda for all your hard work for us in Area 2.

Gayle Jordan brought up the idea of Area 2 purchasing Jump Drives for the Area 2 Council members in positions that have files to pass on. She will research the best prices and sizes for the summer meeting. International gives these to the IBOD and Assistant and Advisor positions for their files and she feels we should be doing the same. It keeps it off our own computers and will always be ready to pass on.

Capital Chordettes brought up a concern from their chapter that they be able to be in the main hotel for AC&C. For many years they have been asked to move to the overflow hotel mainly because of size. It would be nice to be where the main activity is sometimes. They do understand why it happens, but must it happen all the time. We will try to address this problem for them and thank them for bringing it to our attention. Sometimes we overlook things not thinking about it. Please always feel free to voice your concerns.

Gail passed out some more membership certificates to members of Area 2.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Jordan

Area 2 Secretary