

**Area 2 Council Meeting
August 2, 2009
Conference Call 7pm**

Attending:

Gail Kelsall, Heather Solomon, Aileen Murray, Gayle Jordan, Marj Andrew, Tricia Harris, Chris Kuntz, Linda Janes, Maria Gabriella, Barbara Ladabouche, Lois Lundsted, Sandy Venditti, Ann Danforth, Amy Harker, Karen Hayden, Sandy Anagnostakis, Heidi Berger, Karen Koivumaki.

Gail Kelsall welcomed everyone to our first Area 2 Council August conference call meeting.

Approval of Minutes of April 2009 council meeting.

Motion by Heidi Berger and seconded by Sandy Venditti that we approve of the minutes of the April 2009 council meeting. **Motion Carried.**

Agenda is approved with an addition by Linda Janes of a Student Contest at AC&C.

A report of the 50th Anniversary committee Chairman was read by Gayle Jordan. (see attached report)

Finance Report

Heather reported that there will be a large profit from AC&C 2008. The final reported figure is not completed yet but will be in the area of \$10,000.00. The loan of \$1000.00 to Silk'n Sounds and the ½ price AEP for all Silk'n Sound members needs to be refunded to Silk'n Sounds. Final figures will be forthcoming soon.

Having this large figure the Finance Committee met on July 26th via conference call and are making the following recommendations to the Area 2 Council for disbursement of these funds.

LCD projector for Area 2 Approx. \$600.00 with \$250.00 return from International for the purchase.

Judges Assistance Fund - \$1,200.00 with those applying receiving \$100.00 .

Education Chairman Travel for HITS line item of \$500.00.

Harmony Heritage \$5000.00 to apply to AC&C 2010 to help defray cost of convention.

LCD Projector

After much discussion about how it will be used which will be for Education within the Area and education classes at International. Where it will be housed, which will be with Gayle Jordan until November and then with Gail Kelsall who will place it on her homeowners insurance for coverage. Aileen Murray had found figures above \$600.00 making the purchase in Canada. Gayle Jordan researched in US and found the exact same one that Area 4 had purchased and what we were trying to

find for Area 2 . She found at same price Area 4 paid of \$549.00 before shipping. It was also discussed that we should purchase an addition bulb at the same time.

Motion was made by Heather Solomon and seconded by Aileen Murray that we allocate \$800.00 for the purchase of an Epson LCD Projector and bulb within the US with a \$250.00 reimbursement coming from Harmony, Inc. **Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Marj Andrew and seconded by Sandy Anagnostakis that we approve the Finance Committee Recommendations of, \$1200.00 for judge's fund, \$500.00 Education Chairman travel to HITS line item, and \$5000.00 to Harmony Heritage to defray costs of AC&C 2010. **Motion Carried.**

AC&C 2009 Report

It was reported that a large profit is being reported from Silk'n Sounds. This is out of the ordinary. Grants were attained and convention was based on a lower amount of attendees. Thus making a large profit. The council thanked Silk'n Sounds for the great job and also for working so hard at getting the grants to help defray the costs. They are finalizing their report and will be sending out the report and funds to our Area 2 Treasurer soon.

ABC Days

Capital Chordettes date is September 25, 2010. Please mark your calendars.

Linda Janes reported that Champlain Echoes is considering looking at hostessing and ABC Day for another year. She will talk more with them.

Directors and Officers Insurance

Susan Spencer Finance for International is gathering more info for the IBOD and will be making her report in the middle of Sept, 2009. This insurance will cover your chapter BOD and officers. It will mean an additional \$150.00 per year for each chorus and all chapters must buy into it or it will not happen. More info will be coming soon.

Education Classes on Sunday at AC&C

Linda Janes has gathered information on this subject from a survey given after AC&C and of all the information the outcome is that Craft classes will remain on Friday of convention.

½ Price AEP for Website Manager

Aileen Murray reported from Study & Review that this item will not be considered at this time. It was the consensus that all members work for Area 2 in their positions volunteering their time and that no one should be compensated for this work.

Random Draw at AC&C

This was sent to Study & Review. This was an adhoc committee of Aileen Murray, Marj Andrew, and Julie Schwingbeck to discuss this issue. This only affects 5 Chapters in Area 2 and very few members. It was stated that when you decide to become a duel member you understand the rules of this position and that choices may need to be made. The random draw is the Luck of the Draw and is not a choice of draw. After the report of the committee it was decided that there will be no changes to this rule.

Harmony Explosion Camp

August 8, 2009 Debbie Borsari will be heading up a Harmony Explosion Camp for young girls. Through donations from various places these girls will have a day of fun and barbershop free of charge.

Harmony, Inc. gives each Area \$300.00 a year for Youth

Outreach activities. You must apply for it from Harmony, Inc. to receive.

Motion was made by Aileen Murray and seconded by Lois Lundsted that Gail Kelsall apply for these funds from Harmony, Inc. to give to Debbie Borsari to help defray the costs of the Harmony Explosion Camp for girls. **Motion Carried.**

Membership Initiative Sept 2009

Aileen Reported that there will be a membership drive again this year. It will be called, September Sing. Harmony, Inc. will be doing this for the month of Sept. but Aileen thought we could do this in Area 2 from Sept to March. Membership is down in Harmony, Inc and in Area 2 and we need to work on this for the coming year. This drive will only include NEW MEMBERS to Harmony, Inc. It was discussed about whether to use the same criteria as the Sandy White membership award based on percentage gained. In order to keep giving the Sandy White award the recognition it deserves the criteria for the Sept Sing will be based on new members. When you gain a new member to your chorus your chorus name will be placed on a paper and put into a draw. Each new member gets your chorus a name in the draw such as if you gain 5 members then your chorus name will be placed on 5 papers and entered in the draw. At the end of this drive at AC&C 2010 a name will be drawn to win the prize. The prize will be, \$200.00 to be used toward a Learning Track of a song of your choice or a Coaching session with a coach of your choice.

Motion was made by Aileen Murray and seconded by Amy Harker that Area 2 proceed with this new September Sing membership drive to run from September 2009 to March 2010. **Motion Carried.**

Sister Chapter Update

It was noted that there might be some changes in the Sister Chapter list that has been drawn up. Gail Kelsall will send out the list again. Please let her know of any changes and adjustments will be made.

Chapter Visits

Gail Kelsall, Aileen Murray and Chris Kuntz made some chapter visits the weekend of July 5, 2009. They were able to visit, Sounds of the Seacoast at their show, Women of Note, Harmony In Motion, Noteable Blend, New England Voices in Harmony, and Chair City Pipers. They were able to spend some valuable time with these chapters some of them needing some encouragement. Well worth the trip.

Student Contest at AC&C

Linda Janes asked for input on having a separate Student Contest at AC&C giving a prize for the winner. This would encourage more young girls to attend our contests and see what it's all about. Setting the age of approx. 16-24 for competing in this contest. The council was interesting in hearing more about this and Linda will gather more info and report to the council.

Associate Dues

It has been brought to the councils attention that Area 2 Associates have not been paying Area 2 dues. It is stated in our Area 2 manual that all Area 2 members must pay Area 2 dues of \$4.00 US and \$6.00 CND or this will result in loss of privileges. The problem being it doesn't state anywhere in the manual what these privileges are that will be lost.

The council has sent this to Study & Review by, Aileen Murray, Gayle Jordan, and Marj Andrew. They will work to define the privileges and research on this subject for April Meeting.

Decreased AEP for Non-Competing members of Area 2

Motion made by Heidi Berger seconded by Ann Danforth that an adhoc committee of Linda Janes, Barbara Ladabouche, and Heather Solomon be put into place for research of a reduced AEP price for non-competing members and whether this will cover associates also. Report for April meeting.

With there being no further business the meeting was ended at 9:45pm.

Please note that all votes taken involving monetary requirements were taken as a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle Jordan, Area 2 Secretary