

Area 2 Council Meeting
April 26, 2007
Ottawa

Harmony Creed

Area 2 Representative Gail Kelsall welcomed everyone to Canada with the Capital Chordettes as our hosts for the weekend.

Roll Call

Those present were:

Area 2 Rep- Gail Kelsall
Advisor Finance - Linda Muise
Advisor Study & Review – Aileen Murray
Parliamentarian – Marj Gillis
Secretary – Gayle Jordan
Treasurer – Cathy La Salandra
Education Coordinator – Linda Parviainen
Development Coordinator – Aileen Murray
Borderlines Editor – Diane Zanetti
ACJC – Dianne Clark
Membership Coordinator – Aileen Murray
Historian – Marj Gillis
PR/ Marketing – Chris Kuntz
Quartet Promotion – Linda Parviainen
Website Manager – Cathy DeCoste
Barre-Tones – Barbara Ladabouche
Capital Chordettes – Flo Roy
Champlain Echoes – Pat Everts
Harmony Heritage – Cathy La Salandra
Maine-ly Harmony – Sue Staples
Montreal City Voices – Heather Solomon
Silk'n Sounds – Sandhya Desmond
Sounds of the Seacoast – Cindy Knapp
Thousand Islanders – Rose Turner
Women of Note – Angie Dober
Guests
Barbara-Ann Mac Intosh – 50th Anniversary Report
Shirley Wizzel

Area 2 Rep report - Gails full report will be added to website. Gail spoke of the falling membership in Area 2 and Harmony and this will be her focus as to how to help with this issue. She also let us know that Kathy Custis would be attending our AC&C as a visiting IBOD member for the weekend.

Reports

Treasurer

The finance Committee and The queens fund helped in Boston Accent attending AC&C. The amount of \$500 from each. There was also a profit on the Sale of the Area 2 Buttons. Also, Cathy received a Thank You from Linda Muise. Linda received money from Area 2 for the judging program.

Finance

Linda reported that the question was asked, should our trial period for the ½ price student all events be extended? She reported that this has been done already.

Study & Review

Youth Outreach and Autism donations.

A survey was sent and responses were positive. Sounds of the Seacoast feel we should support our own chapters who have needs instead of the council supporting something from the outside. The survey will be done again so that a response can be added to the Manual under the guidelines for AC&C raffle donations. There was much discussion on this matter and no conclusion. This was tabled until the August meeting to gather further info from chapters for their response to this issue.

Education Coordinator

Linda Parviainen is resigning from this position. Gail thanked Linda for all her hard work on the Areas behalf.

Borderlines

Diane reported that she has published 3 issues this year. She is looking for feedback on the borderlines and why there are problems receiving information for articles from Area 2 members and Choruses. She has been working hard trying to get articles to include. People are not sending information on their choruses or quartets or just information from Council members to share with Area 2. This makes for small content. Diane will publish a June issue and we will revisit this discuss this again at August Meeting. If people don't send articles there may not be a need for the borderlines in the future.

ACJC

Dianne reported that the Capital Chordettes have done a fabulous job and would like to hear from people with feedback.

The suggestion of having an AC&C Team for Area 2 which would follow the International Convention Team approach was tabled for discussion at the august meeting. At that time we would have more information from Area 3 who has started this approach already.

Membership

Loss of membership was discussed. Some factors are:

Aging choruses

We all need to find a way to increase our younger membership.

In 2004 membership was 529.

In 2005 membership was 507

In 2006 membership was 521

There will be craft classes this weekend that will help with some ideas in this area. Try to attend.

Development

Aileen needs information if Area's within Area 2 need another chorus. We need to look into where there may be singers and their travel to a chorus is stopping them. Websites are a good tool for your chorus. Take a look and add information about singers wanted to your site.

Manual Chairman

Manual is up to date at this time. Job descriptions are being revised by job holders to make sure they are up to date.

Also information on our ABC Days and Marketing are being updated.

PR/Marketing

Chris reported that \$172 dollars was our profit on the Buttons. She still has some vocal lesson buttons left for your purchase. Get your websites going, update them, make them work for you.

Website

Area2harmony.org

Cathy reported that we have outgrown our space and we need to purchase additional. This will be \$9.00 monthly and \$19.00 upgrade fee.

She has added reports and minutes, added merchandise, added tools page. She is working on getting a secure page. Please send any new links to: catsings@aol.com

If you need help with your chorus website feel free to ask.

AC&C 2007 – Capital Chordettes – Membership is down. They have had a high number of comp passes and meals. They reported that the manual for AC&C guidelines needs to be updated.

AC&C 2008 – Sounds of the Seacoast – Theme will be, Feelin' Groovy! Will be held in Portland, ME Sable Oaks Marriott and Holiday Express, Contest will be Scarborough High School. It is 5 minutes from the airport.

AC&C 2009 – Silk'n Sounds would like to bid for this AC&C.

To be held in Hamden or New Haven, Conn.

Motion to accept proposal from Silk'n Sounds for AC&C 2009 was made by Linda Parviainen. Seconded by Cindy Knapp. Motion Carried.

AC&C 2010 – Harmony Heritage – We will be returning to the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, RI. And the school for contest.

AC&C 2011 – We needed to vote on an alternate date for this AC&C being that it will fall on Easter weekend. The alternate date chosen was May 13-15 2011.

2009 50th Anniversary report

Barbara-Ann reported that the convention will be in Providence, RI where Harmony, Inc. started 50 years ago. She is looking for ideas on possible items for sale at this convention. Looking into possibly a Christmas Ball ornament w/ Harmony Logo on it. Also D. Dyer from Area 2 is writing the History for the 10 years from the 40th anniversary to 50th. These books will be available then. She is looking for your ideas, please send them to: joyhi@cox.net Maybe something like a pitchpipe with the Harmony logo on it?

ABC Day 2007 - Maine-ly Harmony- Info is included in the program from this weekend. Talk it up with your choruses and people you know.

ABC Day 2008 – New England Voices In Harmony Possible September date.

Youth Outreach Coordinator

Please go to the Internation Manual which can be found on the website and look at the description of the job. Please come prepared to the aug meeting to discuss this so that the position can be started.

Area 2 Manual –

We need to add a change to our AEP policy for AC&C for the IBOD members who will be attending our AC&C's in the future.

Motion was that our IBOD member visiting our AC&C would receive a complimentary AEP. This to be added to our Area 2 Manual AC&C guidelines.

Motioned by Cathy La Salandra seconded by Sue Staples. Motion Carried.

Passports – Please remember that in 2008 January you will need a passport to travel by land into Canada.

Chapter Incorporation

In March of 2008 all Chapters of Harmony, Inc. must be incorporated as a chapter. Please make sure this is done and send a copy of your documentation to Carolyn Pellow our International Secretary.

Area 2 Elections

Borderlines Editor – Diane will remain in this position for now.

Manual Chairman – Marj Gillis – elected by acclimation

Quartet promotion - Sandhya Desmond – Elected by acclimation

Education Coordinator – Linda will remain until someone is elected.

Membership Coordinator – Aileen Murray – Elected by acclimation

Secretary – Gayle Jordan – Elected by acclimation

Finance committee will be – Gail Kelsall – Linda Muise – Cathy La Salandra – Heather Solomon – Cindy Knapp.

Certificates for years of membership were handed out.

Generations Chorus

23 participants - Costs were \$155.00 US for arranging fees – music- learning tapes.

Our next meeting will be possibly Aug 3 and 4th in the Burlington Area.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Jordan

Secretary