

AREA 4 COUNCIL MEETING
June 11, 2015

Area 4 Director Betty Gunterman welcomed participating Council Members to the meeting held in Indianapolis, IN. The meeting was officially called to order at 6:45pm, and roll was called.

Council Management

Area 4 Director - Betty Gunterman
 Secretary – Jeanne O’Connor
 Treasurer – Mary Ross
 Education Chairman – Janice Westphal
 Manual Chairman – Peggi Meyer (not present)
 Membership Chairman – Beth Montgomery (not present)
 Website Manager – Melanie Concklin (not present)

- *Voting members of the Council (chapters officially represented) in this meeting:
 California Note Catchers (San Diego, CA) – not represented
 *Covered Bridge Harmony (Greencastle, IN) – Roseanne Jensen
 *Harmony Magic (Central Indiana) – Sara Stone
 *Misty River Music Makers (Geneva, IL) – Linda Berg
 *St. Louis Chordinals (St. Louis, MO) – Marilyn Arana
 *Sound Celebration (Plymouth, WI) – Marianne Cooke
 *Village Vocal Chords (Metro-Chicago, IL) – Maria Bunte
 Wolf River Harmony (Shawano, WI) – not represented

Copies of this meeting’s Agenda and Treasury Reports were distributed via email prior to the meeting.

Welcome	Betty welcomed the Council Members, led all in reciting the Harmony Creed, then shared general information:
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Area 4 membership statistics = 8 chapters, 174 members (increased 2 from 2014), 28 Associates (decreased 14), total 202 members
New Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Prospective chapter, Bluegrass Harmony from Louisville, KY, has completed all necessary paperwork, has 18 members, and will charter soon. The group will serve as mic-testers at the June 2015 Area 4 Chorus Contest in Indy.
Associate Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A listing of Area 4 Associate Members was reviewed, and policy on payment of Area dues discussed.
Appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Area 4 Director has issued a couple of appointments since the last Council Meeting. Janice Westphal shall serve as Education Chairman. Her responsibilities will include working with those chapters in charge of education at AC&Cs. Sara Stone shall serve as Convention Team Manager. Betty has forwarded materials to her relative to the new Convention Team concept and the hotel

Communication	<p>contract for the 2016 AC&C.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Betty was asked to consider creating a brief, monthly bulletin to the Council Members to help keep the membership informed of what is happening in/around the organization.
Website	<p>Members are reminded to be using the Area 4 website more often for AC&C information. These materials will no longer be forwarded to the chapters through emails. Betty has requested future AC&C information be presented in bullet form, rather than paragraphs and “mailings,” for ease in locating important details readily. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel information • Schedule of Events • Contest Schedule • Directions • Food Options <p>Additional information on the website includes minutes of Council meetings. Chapter Presidents are asked to encourage their members to visit the website often, and to update chapter information by contacting Website Manager Melanie Concklin at barimel@aol.com . The website can be found at: www.area4harmonyinc.org</p>
Area 4 Manual	<p>The Area 4 Manual is in dire need of updating; however, this daunting task will be affected by changes over the years to policies and practices. Betty may call upon some Area/Harmony “veterans” to assist her and Manual Chairman Peggi in reviewing past Council meeting minutes in the process. Electronic copies of the current Manual will be forwarded to them for review.</p> <p>The first section to be updated must be Council structure, responsibilities of the Council Management.</p> <p>A status report of Manual updates will be provided at the fall meeting.</p>
Treasury Reports	<p>Treasurer Mary Ross reviewed the financial statements she had prepared and distributed.</p> <p>MOTION by Marianne Cooke, seconded by Marilyn Arana to approve the Year End Income/Expense report as presented. Motion approved.</p> <p>MOTION by Sara Stone, seconded by Maria Bunte to approve the May 31, 2015 financial statements as presented. Motion approved.</p> <p>As of 3/31/15, the net worth is \$6868.17 (prior to any 2015 AC&C profit)</p> <p>The Council decided to wait to see what profit will be realized from the 2015 AC&C, then determine how much will be allocated for Education in 2016.</p>

	<p>Currently, Area dues are \$6 per member. The 2015 Area dues from chapters have all been paid. A few Associate Member payments are overdue.</p> <p>Members are reminded that in order to be “in good standing” with Harmony, Inc., all fees (international and Area) must be paid to be eligible for all privileges of membership.</p>
OLD BUSINESS	Chords and More in Area 4
AC&C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date: Thursday thru Sunday, June 9-12, 2016 - The Convention Team concept for Area 4 Convention & Contests (AC&C) will begin in 2016. In this “transition year,” guiding principles are to presume we do things more or less the same as usual. - A centralized location (trial basis) is the Holiday Inn Express in Bloomington, Illinois. - Each Area 4 chapter will be responsible for one of the major jobs or events of the weekend. (These responsibilities will rotate with the chapters each year.) Each chapter will have one representative reporting directly to the Convention Team Manager, Sara Stone, as organization and planning progresses. <p>The 2016 AC&C chapter responsibilities are as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sound Celebration – Hospitality Room, on-site facilities, Assistant Convention Manager ✓ Harmony Magic – Moonglow (and as the 2015 host, select the 2016 AC&C theme which is advertised on the back page of the 2015 AC&C program booklet). The theme is “Be A Calendar Girl!!! (Chapters have a month of the year to prepare an Afterglow presentation.) ✓ Village Vocal Chords – Contest services (DVD and photographer) ✓ Misty River Music Makers – Registration ✓ St. Louis Chordinals – Education and Judge services ✓ Covered Bridge Harmony – Publicity and program
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Associates	Betty has asked Joy Coleman (baritone of Spot On) to serve as the Associate Member representative. Information sent to chapter Presidents will be forwarded to Joy, and she will distribute it to all Associates to help keep them informed and involved.
Support Items for IC&C	<p>Betty asked if the Council wishes to supply some sort of Area 4 support item for those representing us at the November International Convention & Contests. Several suggestions of items were made. Betty and Janice Westphal will research additional ideas.</p> <p>The Council decided to not host a Hospitality Room at the IC&C in Verona, NY, in November 2015.</p>
Awards	Betty reported that medals on red/white/blue ribbons will be awarded each year to every member of the Area 4 First Place Chorus.

	<p>U4X (2008 Harmony Queens) is sponsoring medals on purple ribbons to be awarded each year to the four members of the Area 4 First Place Quartet.</p> <p>MOTION by Marianne Cooke, seconded by Sara Stone that the chorus medals shall be presented to the Chorus winners by the Area 4 Director. The quartet medals shall be presented to the Quartet winners by members of U4X; if not available, then they shall be presented by the Area 4 Director. Motion approved.</p>
Next Meeting	The Fall Council Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2015 in Glen Ellyn, Illinois.
Adjournment	The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm