

AREA 4 COUNCIL ZOOM CONFERENCE
February 17, 2019

Area 4 Director Betty Gunterman called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM and welcomed participating Council Members. Present on the call were the following Council Members, Chapter Presidents, and Committee Chairmen:

Council Management

Betty Gunterman, Area 4 Director
 Denise Struve,- Secretary
 Janice Westphal, Education Chairman (AC&C)
 Sara Stone, Convention Team Manager
 Maria “Ria” Bunte, ACJC

Not present:

Cookie Crews, ACJC
 Linda Kersey, Associate Member Coordinator
 Pam Ringo, Website
 Linda Bloch, Area 4 and AC&C Treasurer

Voting Members of the Council (Chapters officially represented) in this meeting:

California Note Catchers – Annette Draper
 Covered Bridge Harmony (Greencastle, IN) – Anita Edenfield (VP), alternate
 Harmony Magic (Central Indiana) – Patti Goesch
 Misty River Music Makers (Geneva, IL) – Barb Ries
 St. Louis Chordinals (St. Louis, MO) – Linda Wehmeyer
 St. Louis Vocal Project – Susie Slavney
 Sound Celebration (Plymouth, WI) – Kerry Wilson
 Village Vocal Chords (Metro-Chicago, IL) – Denise Struve
 Wolf River Harmony – Kris Tetting

Not Present:

Bluegrass Harmony (Louisville, KY) – Angie Beatty

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

Welcome	Betty welcomed Council Members and introduced Susie Slavney, who was representing Area 4’s newest chapter, St. Louis Vocal Project. Details of Betty’s report:
September Meeting	✓ Minutes of the September, 2018 meeting were approved via email and posted to the website
New Officers	✓ Betty asked chapters to send names of new President and Secretary when elected
Thanks for Support	✓ Betty extended her thanks to the group for supporting her as Area Director for another two-year term, starting after the Annual Meeting, 2019
Website	✓ Betty thanked Melanie Concklin, whose resignation as website coordinator she regretfully accepted, and welcomed

<p>Quartet Registration Date</p> <p>Newest Chapter</p> <p>International Chorus</p>	<p>the new website coordinator, Pam Ringo. Pam will handle the Area 4 Facebook page as well as the website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The registration date for quartets was changed from January 31 to July 1 ✓ Betty welcomed St. Louis Vocal Project, Area 4's newest chapter, and announced that their charter ceremony will take place at the Area Membership Meeting in June. The charter will be presented by Donna McKay, International President. All chapters are invited to attend. ✓ There will be no name change for the International Chorus for the time being
Education	Janice Westphal will continue to oversee the Education Classes at AC&C. Potential judges have been contacted and she is waiting to hear back from them.
Website	Pam Ringo has put in numerous hours designing, updating and revising a new website. The NEW website address is www.hiarea4.com Betty asked that folks review the website for any errors before it is released to the membership.
Area 4 2019 Budget	The Area 4 Budget was approved at the Fall meeting.
Area 4 Financial Reports	Following review of the financial statements to date, MOTION to approve the financial statements as presented by Patti Goesch, seconded by Linda Wehmeyer. Motion carried.
AC&C 2019	Sara Stone informed the group that members of the Convention Team will be as follows: Convention Mgr., Sara Stone; Contest/Stage Mgr., Jeanne O'Connor; Treasurer, Linda Bloch; ACJC, Cookie Crews/Maria "Ria" Bunte; Registration Mgr., Libby Brown. The positions of Onsite Mgr. and Banquet/Judges Liaison have not yet been filled; however, Sara will be following up on some leads. She reviewed the duties of these positions and asked that chapter Presidents also encourage people in their chapters to consider taking on the positions. Wolf River Harmony will be in charge of the Moonglow this year, and Misty River Music Makers will take over raffle baskets. Sara will look into whether a license is required for the raffle.
OLD BUSINESS	
Qualifying Pins for AC&C Quartets	Betty reported that she moved at the Annual Board Meeting in November that the quartet qualifying ribbons given out at AC&Cs be replaced with a qualifying pin. The IBOD responded that they feel qualifying for IC&C is not a standing award, such as the novice award or an Area medalist. Consequently, a permanent recognition such as a pin, and the costs associated with it, are not justified. The motion was thereby defeated.
NEW BUSINESS	

Replacement Judges' Lights	Betty explained that the current judges' lights are old and outdated and replacement bulbs are hard to find. She would like to have 12 replacement lights purchased and wondered whose expense it would be (Area or AC&C), and who would approve the purchase? It was agreed that appropriate lights could probably be purchased for approximately \$20 ea., and that this would be an AC&C expense. Betty offered to purchase lights using Area 4 Director's funds. MOTION by Denise Struve, seconded by Kerry Wilson, that Area Council authorize the purchase of 12 replacement judges' lights at a cost not to exceed \$300.
Next Meeting	June 6, 2019, 6-8 PM – Betty's Suite at AC&C
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 PM.

CHAPTER UPDATES

Presented as received...

Village Vocal Chords

While Jeanne is vacationing at her home in Florida, Asst. Director Lynn Randall conducted our first rehearsal of the new year on January 8. We met again on January 15 and then the next **FOUR WEEKS** saw us having to cancel rehearsals due to rain-turning-to-snow/snow/wind/ice/arctic temperatures!!! We think we set a new VVC record!

On Feb. 5 when it became apparent that we'd have to cancel again, Lynn and Lauren tried something new – a Facebook rehearsal. Those chorus members who are on Facebook joined the rehearsal at 7 PM (regular rehearsal time), and while we were able to see/hear Lynn & Lauren, they could not see/hear us, nor could we see each other. Lynn had set up a "chat," through which we were able to type questions and make comments. While we weren't able to sing, we were able to go over the music and mark key notes and breaths, and Lynn stressed the importance of singing the proper vowel and connecting sounds.

It looks like we may finally get to rehearse for the **third time this year** on February 19. We are looking forward to getting reacquainted ☺ and making up for lost time!

California Note Catchers

2018 was a year of learning and persevering. After the loss of our Director in January our assist Director Lisa Hohman stepped forward. We ended the year with a fantastic Holiday Show in which we shared the stage with The Music Masters, a BHS chorus. We had fun and a great attendance.

We are getting ready for our 24th installation. Lisa has stepped forward to be our Director on a permanent basis. We are thrilled and look forward to building our chorus in 2019.

Sound Celebration

Our holiday singing Christmas cards went well and for the 3rd year in a row brought in over \$1K to the budget - that is a LOT of singing We Wish You a Merry Christmas!

After missing 4 weeks of rehearsal in a row due to inclement weather in January and February, we are finally resuming to prepare and rehearse for AC&C.

Throughout the inclement weather, our director kept us going through off-site classes and rehearsals.

We have been rehearsing in our new location for nearly a year and like it so much have decided

to hold our annual fundraising show at same facility, Plymouth Alliance Church, in October. We are preparing to elect and install new board officers in March and look forward to our annual awards and board installation ceremony. We look forward to seeing all our sisters in Harmony, Inc. in June.

Covered Bridge Harmony

Covered Bridge Harmony has been very busy lately with a number of sing outs for the holidays and a great 1950s sing out in Terre Haute. We also had a holiday show and a wonderful holiday party at one of our member's homes. CBH will be holding a retreat the first weekend in March with coaching to get ready for AC&C.

Harmony Magic

2018/19 has been a busy year full of several firsts for us. We held our first yard sale last summer with excellent results - it is a fund raiser we will try to keep on our calendar! We had a very busy Holiday season with many sing outs. We started 2019 with our first scripted show performed in an auditorium - "Harmony Laugh-In." The hard work was worth it! We met our financial expectations and learned a lot about planning and executing a larger show. The year is ending with 6 new members going through auditions! A great year!