

HARMONY, INC. - AREA 6

COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 14, 2016

This meeting was opened by Carol Jackson, Area 6 Director, leading the Council in repeating the Harmony Creed.

Those attending the meeting were:

Area 6 Director, Carol Jackson	Area 6 Secretary, Aura Daye
Area 6 Treasurer, Nancy Graves	Parliamentarian, Leslie LaForty
GC Chapter President, Alison Hixson	HSW Chapter President, Phyllis Fairley
SOS Chapter President, Kristin Gunasekera	Area 6 C&J Chairman, Trayce Elenteny
Education Coordinator, Michele Henry	Membership Coordinator, Vicki Browning
Youth Outreach Coordinator, Tiana Sandh	
Alternate Delegate for AHC! President, Melinda Brunson	

Absent were: Amy Johnson, Bulletin Editor and Amanda Charlton, President AHC!

Also in attendance were: Harmony, Inc. International President, Sandra Dunlop; Janet Lipscomb from HSW and from SOS: Laura St. John, Barbara Fleischman, LuJo Karkovice, Geneva Martinez and Liz Martinez.

For the remainder of this report only first names will be used.

AREA DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: Carol opened her remarks by thanking everyone for all of the help given to the Convention Team this year. She recommended that all Chapter Presidents think about chapter members who would be willing and qualified to fill the vacancies on the Area Council. She mentioned that Council members from your chapter equals more representation for your chapter. Carol also made a plea to Chapter Presidents to make sure that all members receive information from her, the Convention Team and the Southern Exposure.

Carol also made it clear that while it has been a pleasure and learning experience for her to serve as Area 6 Director for the last seven years, she will not continue in this position forever. She knows there are qualified persons in our Area who can do the job. She requests feedback from members and is happy to talk to anyone who is interested in any Council position.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of the October 17, 2015 meeting were revised and approved electronically.

TREASURER'S REPORTS: Year end reports were sent electronically to all Council Members. No questions regarding these reports were raised.

OLD BUSINESS

Progress reports from Florida and Georgia representatives on any activity on the proposed Area expansion project discussed at the October meeting. No reports were received.

Tiana reported that the Florida project is still discussion only.

Marie had reported in February a plan for a telephone conference to apprise Associate members of the project. No report was received from her. Carol will contact Marie.

Convention Team Report: Aura reported that there will be one hundred and sixteen for dinner on Saturday night. There will be nine quartets in contest including mike testers and four choruses. She commented that the Chapter Liaisons have been great to work with this year. She also thanked Trayce and Michele for their assistance in getting the weekend schedule and Craft Class schedule out to the membership much earlier this year. This has been a goal of the Convention Team.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Budget: Nancy presented a proposed budget for the year April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

Motion by Michele, seconded by Vicki that the budget be approved as presented. MOTION PASSED. Nancy requested that everyone cross out the word “proposed” on her copy and write in “approved”.

Recommendation: from Kristin that Area 6 Council members be allowed to use electronic devices to include phones to view reports and make notes during meetings. The device must be in mute and airplane mode. **Motion by Kristin, seconded by Tiana that this recommendation be approved. MOTION PASSED.**

Recommendation: from the Area 6 Director that the position of Historian be removed from the Area 6 Council and be open to all Area 6 members. **Motion by Nancy, seconded by Alison to remove the position of Historian from the Area 6 Council. MOTION PASSED.**

Recommendation: from the Area 6 Director that all new members pay Area dues when they join Harmony, Inc., pro-rating as per Harmony policy. This policy will assure that all members are in good standing at all times. **Motion by Vicki, seconded by Aura to approve this recommendation. MOTION PASSED.** The Financial Policy in the Area 6 Manual, page 3, number 3 will be changed.

Request from Kristin to discuss procedure for room registration for IC&C

Sandra responded to this inquiry, stating that there are others who have the same concern about sharing credit card information with a third party. She also stated that the International Board of Directors is searching for a solution.

REMARKS FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, SANDRA DUNLOP

Sandra opened her remarks by stating that she is here to share what's happening at the international level of our organization. She made it clear that she is also here to answer any questions that the Area 6 membership has for her.

One of the initiatives that is most exciting is Harmony Strong 2020. This plan is a road map of how we will accomplish growth in Harmony, Inc. Parts of this plan include a refreshed Find Your Voice Program and for this year two full scholarships for musical leaders of Harmony, Inc. are offered to attend Harmony University. It is important for us to know that Harmony, Inc. is in a strong financial

