

HARMONY, INC. - AREA 6

COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 6, 2017

This meeting of the Area 6 Council was held in the DoubleTree Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida. It was opened by the Area 6 Director leading those present in reciting the Harmony Creed.

Those in attendance:

Carol Jackson, Area 6 Director	Aura Daye, Area 6 Secretary
Nancy Graves, Area 6 Treasurer	Leslie LaForty, Parliamentarian
Elie Stone Alexander, President AHC!	Phyllis Fairley, President HSW
Emily Kurz, President SOS	Trayce Elenteny, Area Contest and Judging Chairman
Michele Henry, Education Coordinator	Denise Bourg, Alternate Delegate for GC

Absent were:

Alison Hixson, President GC	Amy Johnson, Bulletin Editor
Vicki Browning, Membership Coordinator	Melinda Brunson, PR/Marketing Coordinator

Guests in attendance:

Marie Ross AHC!	Kristin Gunasekera SOS
Geneva Hamilton SOS	Barbara Fleischman Associate
Ludmilla Hemmings Associate	LuJo Karkovice Associate
Liz Martinez Associate	

Hereafter in this report only first names will be used.

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS

Carol related that although she was unable to attend IC&C in November 2016, she was able to skype the Area Directors meeting and was able to vote by phone with the International Board of Directors. Last year we voted to add an Associate Coordinator to the Area 6 Council. The job description has been written, approved and can be found on page 23 in the Area 6 Manual. She requested that each person take the time to read it and perhaps be able to recommend someone for the position. Another addition to the Area 6 Manual is a Hostess Guide for the fall meetings (found on page 24). Area 6's procedure is to rotate the hosting duties and each chapter needs to know what is expected of them. Arrangements need to be made well in advance of the meeting date so that those traveling have time to prepare.

In February our PR Coordinator was able to arrange for a "Find Your Voice, Discover Harmony" and it was a wonderful event in Cleveland, Tennessee. She was able to keep it as an Education Day for Area 6 which helped us financially. For further details see the PR/Marketing Coordinator's annual report. It was decided to give a For the Love of Harmony heart in thanks to Change of Heart who led the program.

In January when I reapplied for the Area 6 Director position, I was informed that there was someone else running as well. We went through the process as per Harmony, Inc. rules and I was notified on March 24th that I had won the election. I appreciate your support and thank you for your confidence in me.

SECRETARY'S REPORT The Secretary reported that the minutes from the October 15, 2016 meeting were approved electronically with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer's reports were sent to Council Members with the agenda. There being no questions for the Treasurer: Motion by Phyllis, seconded by Michele that the reports be approved. MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS

Assignments from October 15, 2016 meeting:

Area Director – job description for Associates Coordinator - done
contacted Christina Lewellen regarding interest in The Villages, former contacts have lost interest
checked on the legality of raffles in Florida and learned that we can hold an “in house” raffle and be legal as long as the price of tickets is suggested. This is based on our status as an educational organization,

Chapter Presidents – actively seek members to fill vacant positions on the Council, no applicants reported
clear all show dates with the Area Director , this has been done

Kristin – continue research on possibility of a choral or acoustical shell, she reported that we can buy a new one for \$6800.00; buy materials to build one for \$1000.00 (labor free). Storage would be free in a school who would provide storage in return for the use of the shell. U-Haul trailer for weekend would be \$45.00. During discussion Trayce suggested that a fund raiser be held to defray cost of a shell. It is anticipated that there will be an agenda item for the fall Council meeting regarding this project.

Melinda – continues efforts to establish a Harmony, Inc. chapter in Cleveland, Tennessee. See her annual report for details of the Find Your Voice – Discover Harmony event.

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy presented a proposed budget for fiscal year April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018. Motion by Michele, seconded by Phyllis to approve the budget. MOTION PASSED.

Nancy requested that everyone cross out the word “proposed” and write in approved April 6, 2017.

Based on a recommendation from the Area 6 Director, motion by Michele, seconded by Phyllis that an Area 6 Council member who misses two consecutive meetings be required to resign from the Council. The Area 6 Director has the authority to waive this rule when she is given a valid reason for absence. During discussion Denise suggested that perhaps the Bulletin Editor position be removed from the Council. MOTION DID NOT PASS. In favor: Aura and Trayce

Motion by Aura, seconded by Trayce that a penalty of \$2.00 per member be imposed on any chapter that submits its All Events Pass registration after the stated deadline.

Discussion brought forth more items for consideration; such as the penalty is not enough, the effect late entries have on dealings with the hotel and how it would effect someone who has a valid reason for registering late. Aura withdrew the motion with the approval of seconder, Trayce.

On behalf of the Area 6 Director, motion by Michele, seconded by Nancy that Area 6 adopt the same rooming procedures for AC&C each year as Harmony, Inc. uses for IC&C, using a Fair-Share assessment fee of \$100.00 per person.

Harmony, Inc.'s policy from the Harmony, Inc. Manual was quoted and the ramifications of convention attendees choosing alternate housing was considered. MOTION PASSED. Opposed: Trayce, Emily and Elie.

Motion by Denise, seconded by Emily on behalf of Wild Fermatas quartet to accept the award offered by this quartet. Marie spoke for the quartet and stated that the name of that award will be Heart & Soul Award. It will be awarded for the first time in 2018 to the quartet showing the greatest improvement in score in consecutive contests for a two song package. Wild Fermatas gives the award as a representation of the investment every quartet member makes to strive for excellence. MOTION PASSED.

For the Council positions up for renewal this year, two applications were received. Since there was no contest, the following were elected by acclamation:

Bulletin Editor	Amy Johnson
Membership Coordinator	Barbara Fleischman

Trayce informed the Council that any questions about awards, new, proposed or needing replacement should be directed to her as Area 6 Contest and Judging Chairman.

The next meeting of the Area 6 Council will be held on October 21, 2017, hosted by Georgia Connection.

Respectfully submitted,

Aura Daye, Area 6 Secretary