

HARMONY, INC. - AREA 6

COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 19, 2018

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

Members in attendance were:

Carol Jackson, Area 6 Director	Aura Daye, Area 6 Secretary
Nancy Graves, Area 6 Treasurer	Leslie LaForty, Parliamentarian
Elie Stone Alexander, President AHC!	Therese Hlavin, President HSW
Emily Kurz, President SOS	Kristin Gunasekera, President UM
Denise Bourg, Alternate ACS	Pauline Campbell, Alternate SLACC
Trayce Elenteny, ACJC	Barbara Fleischman, Membership Coordinator
Melinda Brunson, PR/Marketing Coordinator by skype	

Guests present included:

Karen Prescott, SOS	Geneva Hamilton, SOS
Marie Ross, AHC!	Linda Simontacchi, SLACC
Liz Martinez, SLACC	Vincenza Como, SLACC
Janet Lipscomb, Convention Registrar	Jeanne O'Connor, International Board Representative

Absent were:

Alison Hixson, President ACS	Lu Jo Karkovice, President SLACC
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For the remainder of this report only first names will be used.

Director's Remarks

Carol opened her remarks by thanking everyone who has been so helpful with preparations for our Area 6 Convention and Contests. She encouraged all to attend classes on Friday and urged Presidents to encourage chapter members to take advantage of classes as well.

She stated that a favorite part of her job is to announce that Area 6 has increased its membership by two chapters this year. She also told the Council that several members and the director of a chapter in Niceville, Florida plan to attend our AC&C with a desire to learn more about Harmony, Inc.

She then reminded all that IBOD elections are coming up very soon and reminded everyone to read the resumes carefully and be sure to vote.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the October 2017 meeting were approved electronically.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was sent electronically to Council members with the agenda. Motion by Trayce, seconded by Therese to accept the Treasurer's report. **Motion passed.**

Nancy then presented the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning April 1, 2018 and ending March 31, 2019. This budget was reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee Motion by Aura, seconded by Denise to approve the proposed budget. **Motion passed.**

Item for Discussion: This item raises the question of whether or not to raise the price of contest tickets. Motion by Aura, seconded by Barbara to change the price of contest tickets to \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. **Motion defeated.** Those voting for the motion were Aura, Barbara and Emily.

Based on a recommendation from Trayce: motion by Therese, seconded by Denise that the position of Bulletin Editor be changed from a Council position to a non-voting Area position. **Motion passed.**

Based on a recommendation from Trayce: motion by Kristin, seconded by Emily that any and all changes to the Area 6 or Area 6 AC&C Manuals be sent to the Council prior to making the changes, even if they are Harmony, Inc. changes. **Motion passed.** Opposed: Aura and Barbara

A recommendation from Trayce that the Area Contest and Judging Chairman and the Area Director check over the dates and times on the hotel contract before it is signed for AC&C was changed to include the Convention Team Chairman. Motion by Kristin, seconded by Pauline that the Area Director, Area Contest and Judging Chairman and the Convention Team Chairman review the dates and times on the hotel contract before it is signed. **Motion passed.**

Based on a recommendation from Trayce: motion by Emily, seconded by Barbara that the appointment of the Convention Team Chairman be changed to an elected Council position upon the retirement of the current chairman from the position, to be elected every two years. **Motion passed.**

From a recommendation from Trayce: motion by Kristin, seconded by Nancy that chorus rehearsal rooms be made available some time on Friday, depending on usage and availability. **Motion passed.** The ACJC will check with the Convention Team Chairman to determine times and rooms and send the information to the choruses prior to arrival. Should there be limited space, it will be made available on a first come, first served basis.

Based on a recommendation from Melinda, motion by Elie, seconded by Denise that Area 6 work with Dixie District to promote Harmony, Inc. at Dixie District contests. **Motion passed.** Atlanta Harmony Celebration! Will represent Area 6, Harmony, Inc. in Oxford AL at the Barbershop Harmony Society, Dixie District fall contest. It was explained that the chapter is not requesting funds from the Area, it is asking to be sanctioned.

Upon a recommendation from Melinda, motion by Nancy, seconded by Emily that Area 6 select a new website host, A Connected Sound. **Motion passed.** Ray Elenteny, currently our web master spoke to the Council and answered questions. This new host would require an administrator and other people to manage the content. Updating the web site will be an investment in our future. Realistically it would be expected that the majority of searches would be from 25 to 30 year olds. A rough estimate of cost is \$500.00 per year. Ray is willing to help with the change over from one site to another.

Applications for open Council positions:

Associate Coordinator, Pauline Campbell
Education Coordinator, Geneva Hamilton

Quartet Coordinator, Marie Ross

Motion by Denise, seconded by Barbara to approve all three applications. **Motion passed.**

Application to renew position:

PR/Marketing Coordinator, Melinda Brunson

Motion by Nancy, seconded by Pauline to approve this application. **Motion passed.**

Late application to renew position:

Youth Outreach Coordinator, Kristin Gunasekera

Motion by Nancy, seconded by Denise to approve this application. **Motion passed.**

Report from Convention Registrar:

Janet reports that we have issued 119 All Events Passes

87 regular AEP's 23 youth AEP's 9 complimentary AEP's

The latest count for dinner is 148, including 30 guests.

The next meeting of the Area 6 Council will be held on October 20, 2018. It will be hosted by South Lake A Capella Chorus.

Respectfully submitted,

Aura Daye, Area 6 Secretary