

**AREA 4 COUNCIL MEETING  
June 8, 2017**

Area 4 Director Betty Gunterman called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM and welcomed participating Council Members. The meeting was held in Bloomington, IL and included the following Council Members, Chapter Presidents, Committee Chairmen and Guests:

**Council Management**

Betty Gunterman – Area 4 Director  
Denise Struve, Secretary  
Janice Westphal – Education Chairman  
Mary Ross – Treasurer  
Beth Montgomery-Membership (with help from Deb Neisch)  
Sara Stone-Convention Manager  
Linda Bloch-Convention Treasurer

**Not present:**

Melanie Concklin - Website Manager  
Joy Sullentrop - Associate Member Coordinator

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

Bluegrass Harmony (Louisville, KY) – Valinda Petri  
California Note Catchers (San Diego, CA) – not represented  
Covered Bridge Harmony (Greencastle, IN) – Denise Thede  
Harmony Magic (Central Indiana) – Patti Goesch  
Misty River Music Makers (Geneva, IL) – Barb Ries  
St. Louis Chordinals (St. Louis, MO) – June Hahn  
Sound Celebration (Plymouth, WI) – Cinda Langhoff (alternate)  
Village Vocal Chords (Metro-Chicago, IL) – Jacquie Jensen  
Wolf River Harmony (Shawano, WI) – not represented

**Guests:** Jeanne O'Connor; Marie Ross, IBOD Rep

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

Welcome	Betty welcomed the Council Members and led all in reciting the Harmony Creed.
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Area 4 membership statistics 9 chapters, 198 members (5 increase), 21 Associates (down 23), total 219</li> </ul>
Area Incorporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Work is being done to incorporate the Areas. This needs to be done for us to open an AC&amp;C account rather than using a chapter account. If we want to open an account now, we can use Harmony's EIN but we'll need to redo everything once we are incorporated. Consensus was to continue using chapter account and wait for Area to be incorporated then open new accounts.</li> </ul>
Youth AEPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Youth AEP's will be paid by Harmony for both AC&amp;C and IC&amp;C 2017.</li> </ul>



<p>AC&amp;C De-Briefing</p> <p>Area 4 Education Day</p>	<p>Presidents by Betty Gunterman.</p> <p>Chapter representatives kept their members informed of all that the Convention Team was doing to prepare for AC&amp;C. A post-convention de-briefing will take place with the Convention Team and chapter representatives on Sunday morning from 7:30-8:30. Input will be shared on activity pros and cons with the goal of improving from one year to the next.</p> <p>This year's April 1 Education Day was aimed at providing coaching for quartets as well as education classes for chorus members. Attendance was up, and comments on evaluation forms were very positive.</p>
<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p>	<p><b>Chords &amp; More in Area 4!</b></p>
<p>Friday Afternoon Quartet Contest</p> <p>2018 AC&amp;C</p> <p>Chapter Rotation Schedule</p> <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Adjournment</p>	<p>A request was made that Area 4 consider holding the quartet contest on Friday afternoon rather than Friday evening so that those involved in chorus practice sessions Saturday morning wouldn't be over-tired from late night evaluations. Council agreed to seek input on this suggestion from the membership. Beth Montgomery volunteered to poll the membership. She was directed to contact chorus Presidents for input. Another alternative may be to continue with a Friday evening quartet contest but to start it earlier.</p> <p>Convention Team with chapter responsibilities as follow. There could be some minor adjustments to this schedule after evaluation of this year's duties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ St. Louis Chordinals – Hospitality/Welcome, create/distribute ditty bags, and Assistant Convention Manager</li> <li>➤ Covered Bridge Harmony– Moonglow (select the 2018 AC&amp;C theme, advertised on back page of the 2017 AC&amp;C program)</li> <li>➤ Sound Celebration– on site contest services (door ticket takers, photographer, backstage &amp; pathway help)</li> <li>➤ Harmony Magic– education (introduce instructors, direct attendees to rooms) Work with Janice Westphal who will contact judges and set up classes.</li> <li>➤ Village Vocal Chords -- registration (manning desk and collect room numbers)**</li> <li>➤ Bluegrass Harmony– Judges services (snacks, general hospitality, transportation)</li> <li>➤ Misty River Music Makers– publicity and program**</li> <li>➤ Wolf River Harmony –shadow Harmony Magic</li> </ul> <p>**Libby Brown designed and printed program, printed name badges and tickets</p> <p>Fall Council meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 16, 9 AM – St. Thomas United Methodist Church, Glen Ellyn, IL</p> <p>The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.</p>