

**Harmony Heartland Region 4
RMT January 2020 Report**

Board Meeting Date: **January 5, 2020**

Name: **Deb Bringman, Director's Coordinator**

Actions Taken:

1. Received information from Jill Watson (Region 2) about their Director recognition pins. See next page for picture. This was well received in Region 2. ***What do you think about this for Region 4?***
 - a. Given at 1 year and every five years.
 - b. Approximately \$8.00 each – 21 choruses first year. (less than \$200) from Crown Awards.
 - c. The link to the pins is:
https://www.crownawards.com/ALL.Pins.15_Year_Engravable_Pin/PNEG15YR.html?cgid=all&selected=PNEG15YR&selectedConfig={}
2. Sent out a FB query for Directors' experience, and rec'd 5 responses out of 19. Emailed directors yesterday and have heard from all but five directors.
3. Marsha Leistner and I did a FB video conference with Friendship 7. Highlights and topics they would like the Region to discuss:

Highlights:

- a. We discussed their declining membership, performances in their community, how to promote their chorus and how Region 4 can help them.
- b. We encouraged them to look outside their comfort zone.
- c. We encouraged them to have a goal setting session with a regional faculty. (Fran or Vicki)
- d. We encouraged them to define their chorus personality.
- e. We encouraged them to take an honest, impartial look at their chorus.
- f. They appreciated that they had a voice and that the RMT is taking an interest in them.

Topics for RMT to discuss:

- a. They would like for the RMT to think outside the box. Would it be possible for their chorus to submit a video for competition (like YWIIH) to maintain their charter? This would help with their travel and lodging expenses.
- b. Would the RMT be willing to allow Regional Faculty to do video coaching for the same price as a regional visit? This would decrease their other expenses associated with coaching.
- c. Anyone other than Fran or Vicki from region for goal setting session? Anyone close by?
- d. Would the RMT consider a reduction in the regional assessment for college students as Muskingum University is in their backyard and they could attract university students so they would have enough members to compete.
4. Contacted Debbie Thistle (DCP coordinator) and she will be ready to acknowledge the DCP "graduates" and "participants" at the Singing Summit.
5. Regional Board Buddy Reports
 - a. Friendship VII – video conference
 - b. TuneTown –
 - c. Unbridled Harmony – Marsha Leistner was going to try and contact them since she personally knew the interim(?) director.
6. Visited Diamond Jubilee's facility with Christie Clark and we decided that the small chorus workshop should be held at DJ's hall because of the parking accessibility, and proximity to hotels. Diamond Jubilee will provide the facility and Gem City will provide information on hotels and lunch to the participants. ***Need timeline to proceed. Any reimbursement for our assistance and/or free attendance for our members?***

Actions Pending:

1. Planning/coordinating/publishing the social hour with front-line directors for Singing Summit.
2. Assist in coordination of small chorus workshop.
3. Assist in planning directors' activities/classes for Leaders Retreat 2020.
4. Will proceed with director pin recognition if we approve.

