



## **HARMONY HEARTLAND, REGION 4 REGIONAL MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING SUNDAY, August 16, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

### **Welcome and Agenda Review**

Sue welcomed all to the Zoom meeting – All were in attendance.

**SAI BOARD MEMBER THERESE ANTONINI** - Therese joined our RMT meeting to provide an International Update and answer any questions we had.

Therese will report back to SAI the Region RMT's thanks for the \$400 stipend and that monthly communication is appreciated.

New Song Assessment Kit – This is available now and sent to Directors. It is located on the website under Chorus Education Tools. Contest songs are being evaluated first then other songs as time permits. There are approximately 50 songs on the list currently and growing. There are several teams working on evaluations and rating strictly on the Racial component. Spiritual songs will be let to the Chorus discretion. Marsha mentioned the medley that POK was planning to use at contest will not be done now due to racial component they were unaware of.

Region Contests – Target date for decision on 2021 has not been set but hoping to have soon. SAI is being hopefully cautious and want to have something – do not want to go 2 years without some type of meeting.

Diversity/Inclusion SAI Committee will have a big announcement in September so watch for the email.

### **FOLLOW UP ITEMS**

Norma Munstock Memorial Contribution – Beverly has sent in \$500. Deb will send the family address to Beverly so she can send out the letter.

Char Gurney IES Scholarship - \$2000. This would be an all-expense paid trip to the 2022 IES /Director training for a Region 4 Front Line director. Discussion on if we would participate with the SAI Scholarship or established for just Region 4 members. Sue is going to get clarification from SAI on their program they are creating and then we will move forward. RMT feels it needs to stay within Region 4 if we are fund raising. Committee will need to be set up to coordinate this scholarship program/guidelines to share with the members.

Leadership Workshop Feedback – Survey results have been shared with RMT. Videos will be up soon. For the 1<sup>st</sup> time in this format it was good and region members glad RMT stepped up and did something. It did seem to be “safe”. Need to ensure all members are aware this is open to anyone and not just leaders. Possibly renaming it but keep “Lead” in the title so attendees will know what the primary directive is.

### **NEW OPPORTUNITIES**

SAI \$400 Stipend – We have received, and it will be used to offset Zoom expenses

SAI International Videos - #1 Video "Regional Check-Ins" will be handled by Kim. #2 Video "Until Tomorrow" was not clear on details/requirements so Sue will be following up with SAI to clarify. Need to find someone that will take responsibility to create.

### **FUTURE REGIONAL EVENTS**

Singing Summit – Jan 2021 – Survey to region was sent with 2 questions. Will have one week to respond and then Jeanne will compile the results to share with RMT. Leaning towards a virtual event. Saturday night will need to have some type of Afterglow Zoom Meeting. More participation may be had with no cost for travel/rooms. Schedule will need to be set so Lori is not doing back to back classes.

### **NOTICES**

Debbie Hite – Her 2<sup>nd</sup> knee surgery is scheduled for Monday, 8/17. Please keep her in your prayers.

Nominating Committee for 2021/2022 RMT – need to begin working on this.

### **COORDINATOR UPDATES** – Reports submitted have been uploaded to the region website

Membership Update – Marsha

Still looking to fill the position for Revitalization Program and CAL Program Leads. Kim Lawrence, Peggy Sutton, Bonnie Morgan, Angie Asher have been/will be approached to take on the Revitalization Lead. Kathy Holloway and Karen Johns have been approached for the CAL Program Lead.

Discussion with Molly Huffman and Fran Furthner to discuss SAI Membership Committees they are members of and some interesting things to share once notes are compiled.

Directors Update – Deb

Jan Carley Seminars has several 1-hour sessions available with a \$200 fee – was wanting to see if we are interested in Region 4 to offer to directors. At this time, the RMT feels we are not stable enough to pay for those and with other options we have with our own Region faculty to utilize will pass.

Deb will share the link to the Director ZOOM meetings Jen Cook has on Friday evenings and Saturdays with all the region 4 directors in case they are not aware of this opportunity. Limited number of Region 4 directors have been on them. Also, she will share with the directors the Facebook SAI Front Line Directors Page information.

Education Update - Kim

YWIH – Metro Nashville Chorus will not be having their November Festival. They will be offering a webinar that is 90 minutes and addresses Barbershop in the classroom.

Communication Update – Jeanne

Survey to Region 4 members was sent to see how many would be willing to attend Singing Summit Jan 2020 in person versus a virtual Summit. Will share results once it closes later this week.

Marketing Update – Kristie

Report submitted and key thing to share is Kristie is keeping her goals in her reports to continue to work on them.

Events Update – Natalie

2020 Leadership locations/agenda/etc. has been rolled to the 2022 Leadership Weekend.

2021 Singing Summit – Working with the Holiday Inn on the contract for the room blocks. Has extended deadline to sign contracts to 9/28. This will allow us time to determine if we are having or if we can roll to 2022. If not able to roll, we will have a penalty of approximately \$13,000.

#### Team Update – Sue

Long term planning will need to include a virtual world. Review Region resources and money will be a big part of it.

Regional RMT Coordinator Specific ZOOM Meeting Calendar – Will build a calendar with standing Zoom meetings for each Coordinator that will be on the Region website for members to see and add to their calendar. Please send your dates to Sue so she can compile to be published. Example would be – TL/Presidents, Directors, Treasurers, etc. Also, would like to schedule a Regional Social Hour open to all members either every other month or on a quarterly basis with the first one at the end of September.

One Voice has created a Happy Birthday Video Greeting that anyone can purchase for \$15. They are in the process of producing an Up-beat greeting and a Christmas greeting.

#### Finance Update – Beverly

Treasurer Zoom Meeting with Jennifer Paulus was held. She did a PayPal presentation to those in attendance for setting up this option for members.

990 filing will be sent in next month.

2026 contract is still on hold.

**REGION 4 CHORUS BUDDIES UPDATES** – Each team member submitted a report prior to the meeting. Please see website for details.

Kim – Cincinnati Sound, Capital City, K-Town Sound

Natalie – Harmony Hills, Diamond Jubilee, Harmony Roses

Deb – Unbridled Harmony, TuneTown, Friendship VII

Marsha – Spirit of Evansville, Ohio Heartland, Scioto Valley

Kristie – Metro Nashville, Pride of Kentucky, One Voice

Beverly – Gem City, Almost Heaven, Columbus

Jeanne – White River Sound, River Magic, Scenic City

The following 3 Choruses status is a concern:

Almost Heaven, Harmony Roses and Unbridled Harmony

The following 3 Choruses have no director:

Almost Heaven, Ohio Heartland and Unbridled Harmony

The following 2 Choruses have a new director:

Cincinnati Sound – Jack Johnson

White River Sound - Sally Kelley

The following 3 Choruses are requesting RMT Visits:

Almost Heaven, Ohio Heartland and Unbridled Harmony

**Accountability: RMT Members.**

### **REGIONAL CALENDAR 2020/2021**

October 2020 SAI International Convention/Contest – Louisville Ky

Cancelled. Members who have purchased an AET will be contacted directly from International about rolling over to 2021 Convention or get a refund.

January 2021 Singing Summit, Louisville Ky

Director Pins, Inaugural Bev Miller Leadership Award and 2020 Longevity Awards (50, 55, 60-year members) will be presented.

April 2021 Regional Contest, Covington Ky

Waiting on formal direction from International. A Memorial for any Region 4 members that were lost due to COVID 19 was suggested by Kim.

### **OLD BUSINESS/REMINDERS**

Website/Emails – If you are sending out anything via the RMT email or responding please make sure you are including your name so all will know who it is coming from.

### **Next Meeting**

Zoom meeting – Sunday, September 13, 7pm EST. Invite with links to call/join in prior to the meeting.

**Accountability:** Sue Pelley (TC)