

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

Board Meeting Date: **February 7, 2021**

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

Actions Taken:

1. Created a PowerPoint presentation, "Using the Song Assessment Tool". This was a class I gave at Singing Summit 2021 and was well-received. Followed up with Therese Antonini with questions/suggestions that were made at the class by the members attending. She has not responded, so I submitted the questions to the song assessment email address yesterday.
2. Created two fun activities for the region with Shirl Robertson.
 - a. Singing Regional Songs with Tenacious on Feb. 20th.
 - b. Talent Show in May.
 - c. We'd like to continue with fun activities quarterly – so send along your ideas.
3. Emailed directors about Singing Summit – schedule and registering information.
4. Posted about Singing Summit in the SAI Front Line Directors FB page and SAI chat FB page.
5. Contacted out-of-region directors about Lori Lyford's request to have a song ready to play and conduct to for evaluation.
6. Updated the Directors Years of Experience page and emailed to Sue Pelley for our Spring Regional Virtual Event.

Actions Pending:

1. Putting PowerPoint presentation on Region 4's website as a source of reference for those completing the Song Assessment Tool (at attendees request).
2. Possibly do a director survey of what they need.
3. Work out details with Shirl on the Talent Show in May.

Chorus Buddy Updates:

1. Friendship 7

Rita is having back surgery on Tuesday. We are doing great. Still zooming and usually have 8 or 9. I started the lessons in vocal production by Betty Clipman last week and incorporating some of the stuff from Ryan Heller and Lori Lyford.

Last week we just sang thru about 8 of our repertoire songs along with a recording and they commented that it almost felt like a real rehearsal.

Bonnie set up a Facebook post to get the community to continue to support hospice and we will give them a link to a singing valentines. We haven't done any virtual recordings, but luckily Hospice recorded our quartet last year and it's really good. Almost as good as the real thing. Gonna miss doing that this year.

*Most are tired of zooming, but it's the only thing we have at the moment.
Thanks for keeping us in the loop. Have a good meeting.
Rita*

2. TuneTown

They are looking for a new director. I offered my assistance (via email) and Laura said that they would keep that in mind as they move forward.

3. Unbridled Harmony

*Deb,
I am so sorry I didn't get back with you sooner. So much going on with this COVID-19. My sister passed in November, other family members in January. Sarah our President and her family had COVID-19 in January. They are doing fine, so far.*

Our Chorus has been keeping in contact with each other and video calls. Like everyone else hoping we can get together SOON.

We will be looking for a Director as I am just getting too old!!! Love it but better for chorus to find someone younger. Willing to direct until we can find someone. They are a great bunch of ladies!! Love them dearly!!!

Again, I apologize for not getting back to you sooner.

*Betty
Unbridled Harmony*

Items for Agenda:

1. What should I do with the pins we ordered for Directors that we planned on giving at last year's regional? My thought is I keep the pins and start giving them out when we have an in-person regional starting with that year (hopefully 2022). I would keep track of the years of experience, so we are ready to go whenever our in-person regional happens. Since we hadn't started distributing the pins yet, I don't think we need to present to past recipients (Lynn Hartmuth, Susan Clark, Rick Spencer, etc)
Agree or disagree?