

Heartland Harmony Region 4

RMT Zoom Meeting

February 16, 2025

6:00 PM

TEAM COORDINATOR – SUE PELLEY

- Soar with Four – Leadership Development Program:
 - The first in-person training was conducted at Singing Summit and was very successful. All class participants were in attendance.
 - Vicki Petzko conducted the training. She didn't quite get finished with her presentations, but all info has been logged into our special file on the HH4 website.
 - Sue met with the Soar with Four committee during Singing Summit to discuss the future of the program, as well as our next in-person class during the Express Yourself event in June.
 - The decision was made to continue the course in 2026. Once our current course ends in June, 2025, we will work on developing the next course.
 - The 2026 course will begin in January of 2026 at the Singing Summit event and end at the Summer regional event. The committee felt that it's very important to begin this course with a "live" in-person class.
 - The committee worked on a participant survey, which we reviewed for their input. As a result we will consider the following: a 2-hour course in 2026, a class size of 10-15 as long as every chorus has a representative, and a mentor assigned to each participant for mid-session "touch base" contact.
 - The committee discussed initial thoughts/plans for our Class graduation at the Express Yourself event, including Vickie Maybury participation, certificates, Pomp and Circumstance music, and a special pin for all to wear.
 - The committee discussed the need to get participant testimonials in preparation for the 2026 class.
 - The Soar with 4 Leadership Team agreed to continue through the 2026 course.
- Bev Miller Award
 - A nomination flyer has been emailed to all Region 4 members. Created and emailed flyer for nomination to all R4 members. A second announcement was sent February 10, and a third announcement was sent February 23. The deadline for nominations is March 10th.

- An invoice for the award vase was sent to Beverly for reimbursement to Molly Huffman.
- Summer RMT In-Person Meeting – Thursday, June 19^H
 - After several emails between Sue and Sharon Cartwright, Sue made the decision to cancel this training.

EVENTS COORDINATOR – NATALIE ALLEN

- Singing Summit 2025
 - This event went well and lunch went smoothly. The majority of responses on the survey were positive. The hotel bill has been approved and paid.
- Contest 2025
 - The committee will meet soon to work on remaining details.
- Express Yourself, June 20-21 2025
 - This event will again be held at St. Andrew United Church of Christ.
 - Housing will be at the Marriott East. It is room block only, and the contract has been signed. Housing information will be posted by April 18.
 - Michael Gideon will handle sound/mics. AV is TBD.
- Singing Summit 2026 with Erin Howden
 - The Marriott contract is signed.
- 2026 Summer Event
 - Natalie will work on a room block at the Marriott for June 4-7.
- Future Dates:
 - 2026 Contest: March 26-29, Covington
 - 2027 Contest: April 1-4, Covington
 - 2028 Contest: April 7-8. They are looking into the Sharondale Convention Center which is scheduled for growth that would accommodate us. If this hasn't occurred, we will go to Covington again.

EDUCATION COORDINATOR – KIM WONDERS

- Steering Team
 - They have committed to working together for another year.
- Summer Event 2025 – Express Yourself
 - The Steering Team is exploring ideas for this event, including a half hour of singing before the first class.
 - There will be a chorus festival again this year, and all choruses have received an invitation.
- Conflict Resolution Class for Directors

- Kim and her team are looking into a possible 90-minute zoom class led by Vicki Petzko. After we receive Vicki's response regarding her availability, Deb will contact the directors to find out their preferences. Kim is looking for a friendlier name for this course.
- 2025 Competition
 - 15 choruses will be competing.
- Harmony Hills
 - They have dropped out of this year's competition. Kim has recommended they have another internationally-funded visit.
- Future Events:
 - These include potentially a quartet workshop led by Lady A Cappella and a kooky quartet contest at the summer 2026 event, which will be held June 5-6.

MARKETING COORDINATOR – LURA NIGHTLINGER

- RMT Applications
 - Applications were received by Myra Shaver (Finance), Liz Sabo-Johnson (Events), Kay Seymour (Director), Lura Nightlinger (Marketing), and Shannon Haddox (Communications).
 - Kim Wonders' term as Education Coordinator expires in April, 2026. Applications for this position are to be submitted to International by October, 2025.
 - Christina will not be continuing as an Associate but has offered to assist Lura from time to time. Her term on the RMT has been much appreciated.
- Jumbotron Slides
 - These must be submitted by March 1, and Nancy Apple will be putting the slide show together.
- 2025 Contest
 - The Contest Committee will meet on February 26 to wrap up details. There are a few rooming issues to be resolved.
 - There will be two trial scorers in the Sound category.
 - When we receive approval from International regarding Order of Appearance, it will be posted.
- Soar with Four
 - Lura is helping to facilitate this program.
- Region 4's 70th
 - Planning is continuing for Singing Through the Decades.
- Facebook
 - Lura and Liz continue to work on this.

COMMUNICATIONS – LIZ SABO-JOHNSON

- Singing Summit 2025
 - The survey has been completed.
- Membership Data
 - Liz and Shannon are preparing to migrate this data into CG4.
- Quartet Web Pages
 - Christine Pirot is working on updating this information.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR – MARSHA LEISTNER

- Singing Summit
 - Attendance was good at the two membership sessions. Marsha wants to do the new member session again next year.
- Chorus Visit
 - Marsha and Myra had a successful visit to White River Sound on January 28.
- Longevity Awards
 - Kay Rodewald is helping to review the records for these awards. Marsha will get gifts for those celebrating 50, 55, 60, and 65 years of membership. These awards will be presented Saturday after the chorus competition and before the results are announced.
- Capital City
 - Their new director is Jillian Wade.

ASSOCIATE – SHANNON HADDOX

- Singing Summit
 - There were 43 in attendance at the membership session. Shannon would like to continue this next year.
 - She worked with Melissa Marksbury-Roe on this session, and they agreed that because there was a great deal of information to cover, it might be beneficial for next year's session to be focused on one issue.
- New Members
 - Cincinnati Sound has a good program to integrate new members.
- CG4
 - The database is ready for migration.
- Friends and Family
 - Scenic City is March 10; K-Town Sound is March 13.

DIRECTOR COORDINATOR – DEB BRINGMAN

- Mass Sing
 - This will be in the Convention Center lobby on March 28 at 10:30 am.

FINANCE COORDINATOR – BEVERLY MILLER

- Finances
 - All bills are paid and all deposits are made.
 - She is caught up and getting ready to write checks for AET's.
 - Beverly is Panel Secretary-in-Training in Region 17 in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Next Meeting: There will be no meeting in March. The next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on Sunday, May 4. Lura will send a letter to new RMT members which will include this information.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Lightfoot, Secretary