



TEAM LEADER/PRESIDENT MEETING

NOTES FROM NOVEMBER 19, 2023 ZOOM



Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Regional Information
3. International Information
4. Around The Room

Meeting PowerPoint presentation with links to associated resources: [Click here](#) Feel free to share the presentation with interested parties.

Attendees

Sue Melvin, Region 16 Team Coordinator

Christine Yorke, Region 16 Marketing Coordinator – regrets

Jacqui Barron, Region 16 Communications Coordinator

Acapella North – regrets

Barrie Soundwaves – regrets

Bytown Beat – Anne Berendson

Canadian Showtime – JD Crowe

Circle of Harmony – Alex Morris

Durham Shores – Laurel Merriam

Eastside Harmony – Susan Boissonneault

Greater Kingston - regrets

Harmony North – Marion Boyd

Kawartha Music Company – regrets

North Metro – Heather Parker

Northumberland – Nancy Buott

Orangeville – Anne Sommerville

The Heartland Singers – Diana Simpson

York Harmony – Martha Grant

Open Mood Music Credits: [Lovely Day](#), Bill Withers

Sixteenth Notes

Jacqui Barron, Regional Communications Coordinator, gave a brief presentation about plans for a re-designed Sixteenth Notes. Some highlights:

- New format and colors
- At readers' request, shorter in length
- Chorus articles will be limited to 200 words and 1-3 photos.
- Addition of a front-page index for easier/faster navigation to articles.

Regional Information

- Convention:
 - We are in St. Catharines once again.
 - Registration will start 12/22 and deadline will be the first week of February.
- Reminder that materials from recent events (AGM, FMS, Copyright Class) are on the website.
- Please pass ask chorus members to save the dates for Quartet Workshop (Debbie Cleveland) May 31st-June 1st, 2024, and the next Fall Music School (Kim Newcomb) September 27-28.
- Consider visiting one of the many Region 16 chorus holiday shows: [Click here](#)
- Regional Assessments:
 - A reminder, per [recent regional email](#), that **Regional Assessment \$ are due by January 31st, 2024** and are based on chorus SAI membership reports as of December 31st, 2023. *It is important to review SAI membership reports to ensure accuracy.*
 - Correction to email: YWIH is **\$15**, not \$5.



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International Information

- Reminder to hold chorus IBOD vote and submit to International no later than November 29, 4 pm.
- Reminder re. small and mid-size chorus director scholarships (registration, room, and board) to the Director and Visual Leadership Seminar, July 25-27 in Tulsa, OK. [Applications](#) due January 25, 2024.
- 2025 international convention date should be announced soon, at which point Region 16 can begin scheduled our 2025 Fall Music School.

Around The Room Discussions

- Trillium Grants
 - CoH announced that they recently received a Trillium Grant and have purchased risers and a sound system with the funds. One of their members has grant experience and was instrumental in the successful application.
 - Bytown Beat has also received Trillium Grant funds of late and was able to pay for members to attend Fall Music School from part of the proceeds and will also be providing members with some Regional Assessment funding.
- Bingo funds - There was discussion surrounding the fact that different municipalities seem to have varying requirements for approval and what the funds can be used for. Orangeville was turned down for Bingo in Brampton due to their association with an International organization so is interested in possibly re-applying in Newmarket. (Martha Grant, YHC, will send Anne Somerville, Orangeville, the handbook for how to apply in Newmarket.)
- Membership growth is still a challenge for most. Although successful Guest Programs have been held, most would like to see more new members. "Open Auditions" theme was successful for some.
- Eastside will be hosting a [Comedy Quartet contest](#) on June 13th, 2024. The question was raised as to whether Double Quartets or VLQs can participate. Susan Boissonneault will find out about this and let Sue Melvin know so this can be included in the event on the regional website.
- Director Searches:
 - Canadian Showtime is close with their director search announcement.
 - Durham Shores has new Co-Director: Alana Regular.
 - Bytown Beat's Director Search is underway.

Next meeting:

- Saturday, January 6th, 2024, from 10-11:30 am
- Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8473056850?omn=89934433689>