



Phoenixsingers

Committee Meeting - Minutes

March 12, 2016

The Castle Inn, Framlingham

Present:

Geraldine Smith, Giles Pebody (Chairman), Gill Clare, Judith Russell, Liz Hamilton, Miranda Barclay, Peter Moorhouse, William Glasse (Minutes)

Apologies:

Janet Lansdale

MINUTES

1. The minutes of 16th January were approved and signed by the Chairman.
2. We noted that Janet Lansdale is recovering after her surgery and we wish her a speedy recovery.
3. The Come and Sing rehearsal has been advertised in the community. The singers will be asked to publicise the event and will be notified in the notices this Wednesday and circulated electronically.
4. The Bring a Friend rehearsal in September was reviewed and we agreed to move it to January instead to widen the gap from the Come and Sing event. Also the music will be more likely to be known. Publicity will be via magazine articles etc. and also major on the 40th Anniversary. PM had discussed with Drew the concept of referring to him as Framlingham's answer to Gareth Malone.
5. The Charity concert will be held on June 4th at Thomas Mills High School. Fundraising will be for the East Anglia Children's Hospice (EACH) who will assist with promoting the concert. Gift Aid will be in place. Agreed that the event will go ahead. Other choirs will be invited. The repertoire will be The Coronation Anthems subject to a final agreement with Drew. GC to progress with EACH.
6. Susie Starke is now the Alto Sectional Representative.
7. Absence planning is going well and attendance has improved.
8. The repertoire is fixed to the end of 2017. Agreed that we should give up some rehearsal time to a discussion looking at 2018 onwards, probably in September 2016. PM will discuss with Drew how to manage the process.



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9. The Summer Concert planner is up to date. The title will be 'American Summer'. GP keen to get publicity out early. Sourcing music is the greatest problem.
10. The Dream of Gerontius is confirmed for 17th June 2017. Agreed that the concert needs to be publicised and the Sectional Representatives asked to gauge commitment.
11. The Constitution issue will be deferred.
12. The Treasurer gave an update on membership and subscription collection (currently approx. £7,700). Friends' reminders to go out soon. Advertising invoicing is going well and we have donations as well. GC was thanked for the work she does. In summary, the finances are in good shape.
13. The baritone for Snape has been substituted; will now be Robert Davies. Publicity was late but is on track now. Rehearsal times will be 7pm on Friday and 2 pm on the Sunday.
14. Rubbing out will be done on the Monday after the concert.
15. The budget for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 including 5 concerts was circulated prior to the meeting. Ticket pricing and sales were discussed and we agreed to go for higher prices for the Monteverdi Vespers in St Michael's and not to offer discounts apart from those for young people. Agreed that £15 per ticket is feasible. The budget as presented was agreed in principle subject to a minor amendment.
16. The Chamber Choir proposal was discussed again. It was agreed that the principle of developing a semi-chorus on a per concert basis was preferable to having a separate choir. Also agreed that developing the youth choir concept was valuable as well. This will go back to the Music Sub-Committee.
17. The next social event will be in the Autumn.
18. Date of the next Meeting: Saturday, 23rd April 2016 at *The Castle Inn*.

Signed.....(Chairman)

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