

## Minutes of the PCC Committee Meeting Wednesday 15th April 2015

at 7.30pm. at Winton House in the Pop In Cafe. Apologies from Gerry, Dee, Hilary.

Present: Jeannie, Sue, Sheila, Jenny, Carol, Christine, Ysanne, Margaret

1. Minutes of the last meeting were agreed. Jeannie chaired.
2. Twin singing: Dickie produced the music for a proposed new song in French on 18th March. Sadly, we and Carolyn felt we did not have time to learn it (especially as the date at the end of May was very close to our Concert); and also that as a Bank Holiday weekend, many members would not be available to sing. We could have sung some more familiar songs but Dickie said not to bother.
3. 3rd June Concert:
  - i) Ysanne had confirmed that the Nyewood Quins will join us, playing 4 or 5 songs (as time allows) at the start of the second half.
  - ii) Christine has a draft of a poster for the concert, Sounds of the Sea, which looks good. She has written some notes and information about Myaesthenia Gravis for the programme. A representative from the charity will talk about their work at the end of the first half. We discussed the poster, which will be finalised and sent out. Printing the programme would cost about £70 for a run of 200; it's suggested that we buy a 2nd hand printer for £50 (including 2 cartridges) that we can use in future. Agreed. Christine will store it. (CG, CS)
  - iii) . Details of the concert to go in the Steep (Ysanne) Sheet (Christine) and Rogate (Beryl) parish newsletters in May. Carol will contact the usual newspapers, invite the mayor and check on access to the church on the day. She has also contacted the editor of the Selborne magazine who is happy to advertise us. Jenny offered to collect glasses and make the punch, Sheila will help.( Dee may also help.) They have Beryl's recipe. Jenny will enquire about server help. (YB, CG, CS, JC, SG)
4. Choir photo: Stephane Rocher took photos on 18 March and they are available to see on his website. Ysanne has the CD. Christine will send the link to choir members so that they can look and buy through Stephane's website if they want. A subcommittee will select some to use on our website. Ysanne will send one to Carol for the newspapers. (YB, CS)
5. Folders: Jenny has researched folders that she saw the Police Choir using at the Petersfield Music Festival. A4, 16mm wide; 50 would be £7.50 each., which is a good price compared to others we have seen. She will ask about the cost for 60 or 70, silver grey with logo. (JC)
6. Banners: We confirmed the layout and wording, Christine will buy one (may decide to buy a second later) (CG)
7. Hannah Rose: workshop is booked for 27<sup>th</sup> June at Steep Village Hall from 1.30 to 5.30. We discussed charges and using profit from the previous workshop, and decided to charge £5 to choir members if they book before 21<sup>st</sup> May (last meeting before half term). Then booking will be open to choir members and the public at £15. We will re-use previous the booking form. We will have a pot for donations for refreshments. Hannah will come from Brighton by train, Ysanne will collect her from the station. Volunteer cake bakers will be needed. (YB, CG....)

#### 8. Events sub-committee:

i) Ysanne has been approached by a representative of Gareth Malone, but feels that the competitive ethos is not what we are about, and it would take a lot of time and commitment.

ii) Christine has been asked about a French exchange, but it is a different sort of choir, and would be staying in people's houses (not Carolyn's ideal). Petersfield's German twinning exchange is due next year, but a choir trip would be a big project and need a lot of organisation. To discuss with Carolyn, for the future.

iii) The choir has been invited to sing some carols at Gilbert White's house in Selbourne on 6<sup>th</sup> December at about 11am. They are holding a mulled wine weekend and are inviting several local groups to sing. Ysanne will talk to Carolyn.

9. Ysanne's remuneration: we discussed and agreed that Ysanne should be paid when she conducts us at local performances where she has put in time and preparation (not, she said, for informal occasions such as the carol singing) She will submit an invoice as appropriate.

10. Applying for charitable status: Margaret will look into this with Dee to see if it is worthwhile. It was originally raised when the committee was first formed, but needed a year's accounts before anything could be done.

#### 11. AOB

i) Beryl has passed on information about the Macular Society; Sue will investigate whether there is a local group. Other local charities we could support include Fitzroy, who have lost funding recently. Margaret will find the original list of charities.

ii) Social event: we decided against a May half term social as many people are away. We'll plan for the October half term, meal (The Spice Lounge was good) and quiz (Ysanne and Sue offered)

Next Meeting: Weds 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 in TPS.

Sheila apologises, she will be away.

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