

PCC Committee Meeting Wednesday 15 July 2015

6.45pm. at TPS.

Present: Christine, Hilary, Dee, Carol, Jeannie, Gerry, Jenny, Margaret, Ysanne

Apologies: Sheila

1. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.
2. Jeannie is resigning from the committee as she is moving away, though she hopes to still be able to come to choir. Thank you for your help and support in the last months.
3. Review of the concert: we had a great deal of excellent feedback –including ‘best yet’. The only negative comments were that there were too many readings. We thought in future there should be two readings in each half, kept short and not too serious. Many thanks to Bruce for his help and support, and to the Nyewood Quins. We raised £1,171.67 for MyAware.
4. The Hannah Rose workshop also had excellent feedback. 28 attended; we were probably down on numbers because there are so many other things going on in the summer. Next workshops will be arranged in October and March/April. We made a loss of £23, covered by profit from the Lucky Moyo workshop last October. Ysanne is going to investigate a possible Gospel workshop with Chris Rowberry for next year. Asking for donations for refreshments produced £17. (YB)
5. The subcommittee has selected seven of Stephan’s photos for the website and one for use in local papers. Margaret to arrange for the website update. (MT)
6. TPS hall booking/start times: we decided, subject to Carloyn’s agreement, to start at 7.45 and finish at 9.15 to allow time to finish comfortably by 9.30. The Avenue would mean a later start and finish, waiting outside in the evening, there is nowhere to take money and register, and so is less suitable for a regular venue. Margaret to check with Carolyn then Christine to arrange with the school. (MT, CG) (*This has been done*)
7. Concert dates arranged: Christmas 9th December 2015; Summer 13th July 2016; Christmas 7th December 2016. (CS)
8. Irene has prepared a detailed costing of a weekend trip to a village near Cherbourg as a possible choir trip next June, for 48 people for one night. This is very useful, and we discussed possibilities and timings. Choir funds could subsidise a trip. We need to find out how many members would be interested in this or some other type of trip. Subcommittee to meet and decide how best to do this. Irene has also offered to help organise – thank you!! Ysanne to contact Winchester CC who have recently run a similar trip. (CS, CG, YB)
9. There is a proposed visit from our twin town in the spring. Carol to liaise with David Jeffries of the Twinning committee. (CS)
10. Finance: We have a surplus in the account, partly because of the generous SOCs funding. We will ask members how they would like this to be spent; a trip (item 8) is one option; we could make a CD. We discussed increasing the discount for payment by the term or half term; having a free week, perhaps at the AGM.
11. Feedback from members: there have been some comments that we spend too much time working for concerts, and there is less of a fun element than there used to be. As we have discussed before, it is difficult to find the balance between achieving a high standard performance and singing for fun – not everyone wants to perform in concerts. There have

also been some requests for more different styles of music; and for the sound files for concerts to be available as soon as possible. We will let Carolyn know which Christmas songs we have with sound files. *(MT)*

AOB:

12. Charities for next year: Sue was looking into a local readers/talking newspapers organisation – Margaret will ask her and let Carol know; also Stone Pillow (Winchester) and the Rosemary Foundation. Carol to research. *(MT, CS)*
13. Christmas concert 'support' act – Gerry had a guitarist contact, can she ask him? : the Quins would be happy to play with us again. *(GL)*

Next Meeting: 7.00pm Wednesday 2nd September at Jenny's house
(hopefully in the garden 😊)

MT 18.07.15

