

Minutes of Meeting on Wednesday 1st March 2017 at 6.45 pm

At the Salvation Army Hall

Present: Dee, Gerry, Carol, Jenny, Sheila, Christine, Hilary, Lee-Anne, Daphne, Ysanne, Margaret

1. Minutes of the January and February meetings were reviewed and agreed. Carol has been in contact with Kat Wootton (Editor of Life in Petersfield) who will come to choir on 26 April start to research her article. Carol has advised Carolyn.
2. Choir numbers: Gerry confirmed there are 67 regular members on the register (the mailing list is much longer), of which an average of 48 attend. To be practical, 50 is the maximum in the Hall. We discussed paying in advance, but decided that committing to time was more important. Members will be asked to attend at least 75% of rehearsals to perform in concerts and to retain their choir membership. This is a change from the 'drop in when you feel like it' ethos of the choir; we see it as necessary partly because of the hall size, and also because performance standards need to be maintained as we undertake a more challenging repertoire. Gerry will give Margaret a copy of the register to be transferred to excel and attendance will be monitored each half term. We will review attendance at the end of term meeting, and members with low attendance will be contacted to advise that they are 'bed blocking' others on the waiting list. Obviously illness or other reason for non-attendance will be taken into account, but their active membership may be cancelled. (GL, MT, CG)
3. Guest artist for the summer concert: There were three suggestions: Adeste, (Gerry will enquire if they would perform for free for a charity); the Petersfield Ukelele Band (though may be a quick return as they played last July); the Nywood Quins (Ysanne will see if they might be interested). To review and decide at the next meeting (GL, YB, CS)
4. Charity for the summer concert: after some discussion, the Kings Arms.
<http://thekingsarms.org.uk/the%20team.html>
Gerry will speak to John Callaghan, and put Carol in touch with him to confirm arrangements. (GL, CS)
5. Ten year anniversary: Dee suggested a meal/buffet/barbeque & Anniversary cake at the Half Moon on the Wednesday after the summer concert. They could make an Anniversary Cake. We agreed the date (Wednesday 12th July) and location - the garden if fine, plenty of room inside if it isn't! Choir would contribute, but members pay a contribution to book their place. Dee will obtain prices and we will discuss again at the next meeting. (DK)
6. Possible CD recording: Lee-Anne produced an excellent report detailing the costs of producing a 15 track CD, using Nick Sowden or Jules Addison, and with reference to similar recent Winchester Community Choir project. Recordings would be on four days spaced over four terms. We would need to find the right venue (no noise, good acoustics, available on a Saturday), and singers would need to commit to four long hard days. Carolyn would also need to be available. Costs would be in the region of £4,000. The committee will study the report in detail and gauge opinion of members before deciding whether to proceed. Thank you Lee-Anne for doing such thorough research! If the choir decides that it wants to proceed, it would probably be in 2017/18.

7. AOB – no additional items raised

Next Meeting: Wednesday 5th April at 6.45pm

Apologies in advance from Lee-Anne, Sheila and Hilary who will be on holiday

Next meeting date amended to 29th March as more will be able to attend.

Thank you

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