**Kaleidoscope – Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 30th September 2021**

Present: Helen Klich, Yvonne Ward, Rupert Feld, Anne Mapley, Josie Wilson

Apologies : Catherine Docherty

**COVID safety at Rehearsals**

Restrictions imposed by the hall have changed and these are reflected in our use of just one exit and opening a couple of windows to aid ventilation. We will keep the entrance door open for as long as temperatures allow. We will continue to maintain distancing and mask wearing when moving around. We will also continue to bring our own drinks.

Please continue to support these measures, particularly wearing face masks when moving around the hall. This will support any members, or their close family, who may be particularly vulnerable.

We have decided to commence use of the hall’s chairs. It has been more difficult for both members and Rupert to hear at times and we feel using hall chairs set out within sections will improve this.

The chairs will be wiped before each rehearsal. **(Catherine/Josie/Anne)**. Committee members will take responsibility for setting the chairs out (1-1.5m in all directions) with an aisle between each section. Please wait until the chairs in your section are wiped down before sitting.

Please **do not move the chairs** once set out unless you would like to still bring your own chair. If you do, that is not a problem – just replace a hall chair with your own.

Please help us at the end of rehearsal by stacking your chair within your section, up to maximum of 7. Please wear a mask and observe social distance whilst stacking. Committee members will move the stacks into the storage area

**Members**

Sadly, Ann Smedley has decided to resign from choir and concentrate on her health. We would like to thank her for her contribution over the years, both as a member and within the Committee, particularly her enduring positivity. We wish her all the best for the future. **Yvonne** has volunteered to purchase and deliver a garden plant and card with our thanks and good wishes.

Jacinth has also resigned to be able to offer more support to her family, although she would like to return if circumstances change, which we have let her know would be welcomed. She is returning her music to **Anne**

Chris Dixon has been in touch to let us know she is coping with chemo, a bit tired which is to be expected, but it is having results. Her husband is well too, and he is supporting her with cooking and housework. She has asked to be remembered to everyone.

We are aware numbers have dropped and that the soprano section is particularly low on numbers. So, **Josie** will post on Facebook for new members and **Anne** on local blogs. **Anne** will also approach the Gospel choir who have a 45+ waiting list of female voices.

The Committee is happy to continue with lower numbers for now but if any member would like to think about joining the Committee, informally before the AGM or formally at the AGM, please have a word with a committee member.

**Subs**

We would like to thank all members who have already paid until the end of the year or for September.

Just a reminder so that we can support COVID safety and avoid our Treasurer handling cash or cheques, the options for payment are :-

1. By standing order at £12 per month
2. The full amount, September 1st – December 31st, £48 by one-off bank transfer

The bank details are :-

Bank : Barclays

Sort Code : 208513

Account : 80628158

Please ensure your ***surname***, and if paying monthly, ***the month***, are included in your payment reference.

**Music**

**Anne M** will pursue licences for ‘The Carnival is Over’ and ‘Moon River’.

After an online chat with PRS we believe that we can learn and perform using words only for a published arrangement quite legally (e.g., ‘We have only just begun’).

**Music Stand**

Rupert has selected a stand. **Helen & Rupert** to review if this is foldable for storage in our cupboard.

**Future Events**

We have an aspiration to hold a Friends and Family event in December as the hall has increased the numbers that can attend. However, this will depend on how much we are able to learn and revise, plus attendance in the next few weeks

**Next meeting**

Thursday October 28th, 7.30 pm at Anne M’s house