**Kaleidoscope – Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 18th August 2022**

Present: Helen Klich, Catherine Doherty, Lynne Walsh, Anne Mapley, Yvonne Ward

Apologies : Josie Wilson, Rupert Feld

1. **COVID Safety**

Some members feel safer with chair spacing at 1 metre. Sometimes chairs are not quite set out as wide so please feel free to move your and adjacent chairs if necessary. No-one will take offence.

**Please continue to not attend rehearsal when positive, have any COVID symptoms, close contact with someone who is positive or have tested positive without symptoms.**

1. **Music**

 **Anne** will continue to pursue the licence for ‘The Carnival is over’.

Rupert has purchased some new software for writing music, which we agreed to fund.

1. **2022 Events**

**September 25th 7.30 pm - JDRF (Junior Diabetic Research Foundation) Fundraiser**

**Catherine** hasdesigned and will now print 80 tickets.

J**osie** will purchase all supplies for refreshments and tablecloths.

**Helen** will update the posters and ask **Rupert** to print some

There will be a raffle on the night and **Lynne** has volunteered to sell tickets. It is suggested this is drawn in the 2nd Half and winners collect their winnings at the end of the evening.

**Catherine** will take a register of members who will be singing at the concert

After some discussion it was agreed uniform will be black with turquoise.

**Lynne** volunteered to compere and will liaise with Rupert

**Helen** agreed to lead standing and sitting on the night

**Reminder -** Members are asked to bake a cake if possible. Please let Josie know if you are volunteering to do this so we are not overwhelmed !

**Christmas Event – Friday December 16th 7.30 pm**

**Yvonne** will investigate Eventbrite and other online ticket platforms.

**Anne** confirmed that we can include an alcoholic drink (or soft alternative) in the ticket price, to be served in the interval, and will organise glasses loan from Morrisons.

1. **2023 Events**

**Monday February 13th 7.30 pm.**

**March 4th 7.30 pm – St Peters Church, Stonnall**

**Anne** to request a rehearsal the Wednesday before

**Community Events**

We have had an invitation from a women’s choral festival in Peterborough next June. **Anne** will find out more about the event.

Lynne has been in touch with a variety of organisations. Lichfield Festival, Burntwood Wakes, Lichfield Garrick responded, and we could hear from them in the future. She is waiting for response from LDA for FUSE 2023, LDC, Visit Lichfield, NMA, Staffs Regimental Museum, Curborough Hall Farm and Lichfield Bower.

Heart of the Country has asked if we could take part in their Scarecrow Festival in October. **Lynne** will contact them for more details and about covering expenses.

1. **Health & Safety**

After the last rehearsal’s incident **Anne** to ensure we have alternative contacts for the hall if Sara Dyott is not contactable. **Committee members** will re-familiarise themselves with positions of any fire extinguishers and blankets.

**All members** are reminded to be aware of the fire exits – opposite the bar and to left as you enter the annexe, plus the front door. Assembly is at the far side of the car park.

**Josie** will arrangefor PAT testing on the keyboard & amp to be done by her son-in-law, a qualified electrician and **Anne** will transport them when convenient.

We now have a couple of rolls of masking tape for use when wires need to be secured at venues.

1. **Fees**

Can we ask any members who have not paid fees this year to have a word with Yvonne**.**

Thank you to all members who are keeping payments up to date.

However, we have recognised that living costs for all of us this year are rising rapidly so, please, if you have any concerns about meeting the fees have a word with Yvonne confidentially.

1. **Deputy for Rupert**

**Rupert** to arrange a deputy for his absence in September.

**Next Meeting -** Thursday 18th August 2022, 7.30pm at Anne’s house.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Sunday September 25th 7.30 pm – JDRF Concert at Thomas Spencer Hall, Whittington**

**Wednesday December 14th 7.45pm – Rehearsal at Lichfield Guildhall**

**Friday December 16th 7.30 pm – Christmas Concert at Lichfield Guildhall**

**Saturday March 4th 7.30 pm – Concert at St Peter’s Stonnall**