

Kaleidoscope – Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 3rd October 2022

Present: Helen Klich, Yvonne Ward, Josie Wilson, Rupert Feld, Catherine Docherty, Lynne Walsh

Apologies: Anne Mapley

1. COVID Safety

As Covid numbers are on the increase again, members are reminded to keep their distance. Windows will remain open during rehearsal (with the heating on). If a member is feeling ill or has been in contact with somebody who has Covid, be mindful of others. If any member isn't happy with these arrangements please speak to a member of the Committee.

2. Music

In case of soloists being unable to attend a concert, there will be an understudy for each solo with Rupert deciding who the understudy is to be. When the soloist is away from rehearsal, the understudy will perform the solo.

3. 2022 Events

JDRF

The concert was a great success with a total of £607.58 being raised. We have had a lot of positive feedback from members of the public, saying how much they enjoyed it. Yvonne is to collect a 'big' cheque from JDRF and this will be presented during a rehearsal.

Many thanks go to the choir for making it such a success and special thanks to everyone who helped with the setting up, donations of cakes and hamper items.

Christmas Event

After much discussion regarding tickets it was decided that the cost would be £10 per ticket. This will include a glass of wine or orange juice. Any profit made will go towards our chosen charity for the year, The Memory Café. Yvonne will co-ordinate the selling of tickets between Kaleidoscope, Half Circle Singers and the band. Josie will be responsible for selling tickets on behalf of Kaleidoscope.

Rupert and Anne to visit the Guildhall to review layout of seats for the choir.

Anne to ask the Guildhall about staging and if there will be Christmas decorations or if we have to provide our own.

Anne to complete the alcohol declaration and return to the Guildhall.

Rupert to compère.

PAT testing – make sure that the Band's equipment has been PAT tested.

Uniform to be turquoise and black. We can then use our turquoise folders.

Rehearsals – 14th December rehearsal will be at the Guildhall. The previous rehearsal (7th December) will be a joint rehearsal with the Half Circle Singers. Likewise, Rupert would like as many members of Kaleidoscope to attend the last rehearsal of the Half Circle Singers which will be on Friday 9th December. They rehearse at the church at the bottom of Thornhill Road, Streetly.

4. 2023 Concerts

Monday 13th February, 7.30pm at George Hotel, Lichfield for the Townswomen Guild.

Saturday 4th March, 7.30pm – St Peter's Church, Stonnall.

5. Equipment

A new microphone stand to be purchased which is easier to adjust. **Rupert** to look into and purchase.

Josie and Anne to get the piano and amp PAT tested in October.

6. Deputy for Rupert

A big thank you to Sue Bowring for deputising for Rupert when he was on holiday. The choir thought that the rehearsal went extremely well and Sue was very helpful and patient.

7. Any Other Business

Keyboard cover – Rupert would like to purchase a keyboard cover so when he is transporting the keyboard it is much easier and lighter. The flight case will still be used to store the keyboard. **Rupert to organise.**

Rupert would like to have a 'Friends and Family' style concert before the Guildhall concert. This is because, having looked at the number of tickets allowed to be sold at the Guildhall, the committee thinks that it is going to be over subscribed (having to allow Half Circle Singers and the band an allocated amount of tickets for selling). The music would be the Christmas music we are performing at the Guildhall along with 'sing along' Christmas hymns that the audience can join in with. **Rupert** to put to the members on Wednesday for a concert on Sunday 11th December. **Catherine** to email Sara Dyott with availability of the church hall.

8. Next Meeting

7.30pm, Thursday 27th October 2022 at Lynne's

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 14th December 2022 7.45pm – Rehearsal at Lichfield Guildhall

Friday 16th December 2022 7.30pm – Christmas Concert at Lichfield Guildhall

Monday 13th February 2023pm – George Hotel for the Townswomen Guild

Saturday 4th March 2023 – St Peters Church, Stonnall