**Kaleidoscope – Minutes of Committee Meeting 25th May 2023**

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

1. **Members**

**Lynne** will contact Pat Brant to let her know about the ‘Kids Like Us’ concert and although she is not yet back to rehearsal perhaps help her to attend as an audience member.

It has been good to see Maddie back in the altos.

We extend a welcome to Janet who has joined the sopranos.

**Helen** will contact Anne Jones

Polly is taking a break from choir and **Yvonne** will contact her

1. **2023 Events**

**July 1st – ‘Kids like Us’ Concert**

Folders will be handed out on June 14th – please see Jo if you are not rehearsal on that date

**Lynne** to contact the charity to ask for a copy of their logo we can use in publicity etc.

**Helen** to design a poster/flyer

**Lynne** will distribute posters & flyers around Lichfield, Tamworth, to Cait, choir members and members of the charity plus any online publicity locally. **Anne** to post details on our website

**Rupert** to forward to Helen & Anne a copy of the revised Kaleidoscope logo

We agreed tickets will be £8 for adults and £5 under 16s. The majority will be available online which **Yvonne** will set up with a small additional cost for ticket source. 30 will be printed and distributed by **Catherine** for those not using online booking.

**Josie** will organise refreshments with volunteers and members help. **Josie** will purchase tea, coffee and milk and **Catherine** soft drinks

We are asking choir members and friends of the charity to donate cakes and/or biscuits (home-made if possible) – a list will be at rehearsal so we don’t have too many duplicates !

There will not be a raffle but donation buckets on exit and for refreshments

As Yvonne will be on holiday the following week **Rupert** will take the cash until Yvonne is back to bank it

Doors will open at 7.00 pm, concert at 7.30 pm

Cait Hodgkiss is bringing her group, Stagecoach Lichfield Performance Troupe. They are about 10 youngsters who will have their own 2 or 3 numbers and a couple with us.

**Rupert** to visit one of their rehearsals asap and also check with Cait how their backing tracks will be played and amplified.

We will need all our usual equipment, including the microphone.

Louise from the charity will talk about its work. **Lynne** will ask if there are any anecdotes, or thoughts from the children that benefit, we could include in the compere’s comments. **Lynne & Yvonne** are considering how best to compere the event.

**Anne** to arrange a ‘volunteer’ list for choir members and others for the evening which will be at rehearsal from 7th June.

**Memory Café**

We have missed the opportunity to perform for a coronation party. We agreed to offer to sing at Christmas – **Anne** to suggest 2 or 3 dates to the Memory Café

**Workshop**

Whittington village Hall is booked for 16th September and the workshop will be led by Ruairi Edwards.

**Christmas Concert – December 8th 7.30 pm**

Lichfield Guildhall is booked for Friday December 8th 7.30 pm for a concert. **Rupert** to respond to Ruairi’s recent email to discuss music and confirm whether ‘Inspire’ will be involved

**Friends & Family Evening**

We agreed we would hold a Friends & Family Evening at Thomas Spencer Hall on December 13th

1. **Uniform**

The Committee discussed the concerns of members about how difficult it is to get a consistent turquoise colour across all members as the definition of turquoise varies from retailer to retailer.

**Helen** had sourced a lightweight scarf at £5.99 each. She has agreed to wash it to confirm it washes without any problems. If so, we proposed that **Helen** purchase 30 for members use at concerts.

Kaleidoscope will retain ownership and they can be handed out for members to wear with black tops, trousers, skirts etc as we hand out the folders. Members can then choose how they wear the scarves and coordinating jewellery could also be worn.

1. **Folders**

We will ask **Jo** to check folders for any wear and if necessary dispose of any looking battered. We have a good supply.

1. **Photos & recordings**

Thanks to Mike for his time at last rehearsal. We are anticipating photos and videos to use in publicity.

**Lynne** will arrange for them to be mailed to Rupert who will review which ones to use – **Anne** will post onto the website

We are hoping the recordings may help our inclusion in FUSE 2024 as we have had limited help from the organisers to date.

Rupert intends to put some videos onto his YouTube channel which, like the website, will be available publicly.

**Could any members who objects to their image being used in this way (as Kaleidoscope GDPR may not cover it) please raise any objection in writing to the Committee by 7th June.**

1. **Revised GDPR**

Thanks to all members for signing this and Josie for following up and collating the signed forms.

1. **Next Committee Meeting**

Next committee meeting Thursday 15th June at Yvonne’s

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Wednesday June 14th – pick up folders at rehearsal**

**Wednesday June 28yh – Joint rehearsal at Lichfield Methodist Church with Cait’s group**

**Saturday July 1st 7.30 pm – ‘Kids Like Us’ Concert at Lichfield Methodist Church**

**Wednesday July 5th – return folders at rehearsal**

**Saturday September 16th – Vocal workshop at Whittington Village Hall**

**A Thursday morning in December (or possibly late November) – sing at Lichfield Memory Café (in Lichfield Methodist Church)**

**Wednesday December 6th – rehearsal at Lichfield Guildhall**

**Saturday December 8th – Christmas Concert at Lichfield Guildhall**

**Wednesday December 13th 7.45pm – Friends & Family Evening at Thomas Spencer Hall**