**Kaleidoscope – Minutes of Committee Meeting 23rd November 2023**

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

1. **Members**

Josie has been in touch with Anne Jones who is hoping to return in the autumn

Einir plays a miniature harp and **Rupert** will discuss Einir accompanying ‘Watchng the Wheat’ with her

1. **2023 Events**

**Workshop – 16th September**

**Anne** to pick up the piano & music stand

**Helen** will return the piano & music stand

**Anne/Helen** will open up the hall (9.30)

**Anne** will check in participants and take any money as necessary

**Yvonne** will list all those who have booked through Ticket Source and **Catherine** those who have booked directly

We have sold 16 places to non-choir members.

**We are asking choir members to book soon if possible, so we know how many people are coming, either online or with Catherine**

We will be serving refreshments so members are asked to donate cakes or biscuits. Donations in lieu of payment will be for the benefit of ‘Kids Like Us’

Volunteers will be needed to help set up, serve refreshments at morning and afternoon breaks and help clear up. **Anne** to organise a ‘Volunteer’ list

**Helen** will provide washing up liquid, dishcloth and tea towels

We will ask **Lynne** to head the ‘Refreshment’ team

**Anne** to ask Ruairi to send invoice

**Memory Café**

**Anne** to accept invitation for 30th Novemberfor half hour of singing and agree timing.

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

This will be advertised as ‘Wonderful Christmas Time’ and we will be collaborating with Walsall Male Voice Choir and possibly some musicians from Alrewas known to Rupert. **Rupert** will ask Cait if she is able to sing a solo although we feel involving Stagecoach this time would not be practical.

We agreed to buy copies of ‘O Holy Night’ at £113.50, which will be used at the concert

**Anne** to apply for alcohol licence. A drink will again be provided with the ticket price

Sound this time will be our microphone and amp/speaker, which we agree should be sufficient

To enable choir members to see Rupert more clearly we may have to use the stand – **Anne** to clarify with Guildhall and we will check felt buffers or alternative on the feet

**Helen** will discuss with Phil, her husband, what lighting he may have that we could use

Access for bringing in equipment etc. may be more problematic with the new Lichfield pedestrianisation – **Anne** to check with theGuildhall (N.B. it may change as it is in discussion at the council)

**Anne** to arrange a visit to the Guildhall in late October to check out detailed logistics, staging etc.

**Friends & Family Evening**

We agreed we would hold a Friends & Family Evening at Thomas Spencer Hall on December 13th. This will be our last rehearsal 0f 2023 – **Anne** to notify hall booking officer

**Rotary Enquiry**

We have had an enquiry from Lichfield Rotary about a possible December carol concert or one in the New Year. This may be held at the Methodist Church.

We agreed as we have 3 performances in December (plus joint rehearsals) to suggest early March 2024. **Anne** will respond to the Rotary contact.

1. **Website**

We agreed to £29.27 to renew our annual website domain name – **Anne** to pay

1. **Next Committee Meeting**

Next committee meeting Thursday September 28th at Anne’s

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Saturday September 16th 10.00 – 16.00 – Vocal workshop at Whittington Village Hall**

**Tickets now available via website or see Catherine**

**Thursday morning November 30th– sing at Lichfield Memory Café (in Lichfield Methodist Church)**

**Time tba**

**Please note there more one or two joint rehearsals with Walsall Male Voice Choir once dates are agreed**

**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**

**Wednesday December 13th – Last Rehearsal 2023**