

Kaleidoscope Choir

Minutes of Committee Meeting 5th October 2023

Present: Rupert Feld, Yvonne Ward, Helen Klich, Catherine Docherty

Apologies : Lynne Walsh, Anne Mapley, Josie Wilson

1. **Members**

Polly has left the choir and has returned all her music. She wanted to try something different but said that she had enjoyed herself and learnt a lot whilst being in Kaleidoscope.

It was sad to report that Chris Dixon has passed away. A donation of £250 to St Giles Hospice will be sent in her memory. **Yvonne** to remove Chris from the bank madate.

2. **2023 Events**

Workshop

There were a monetary loss of £16.63. The workshop was very good and enjoyed by everybody who attended. Ruairi taught a lot and explained about pitch and breathing. 33 people attended. £41.56 was collected in respect of refreshments and Yvonne has paid Ruairi.

Memory Cafe – 30th November 2023

We will be singing Christmas music at the Methodist Church, Lichfield at 11.00am for approximately 30 minutes. **Catherine** to ask members who will be able to attend.

Christmas Concert – 8th December 2023, 7.30pm

Yvonne has paid £21 for the alcohol licence.

Lynn will sort out glasses

Yvonne to sort out food and **Anne** to buy wine. It was agreed that the food and wine last year was very good so we will keep to the same.

The lighting needs to be reviewed at the meeting on 23rd October.

Rupert will design the poster and he will send the 'picture' to **Catherine** for the paper tickets.

The title of the concert is 'Wonderful Christmas Time'

Rupert is contacting musicians and so far has a bass guitarist who is asking for £100. It was agreed that this will be OK.

Rupert has sent to Bob Share (Walsall male Voice Choir) the music and rehearsal schedule. There will be 4 joint rehearsals in total.

John Firth from Half Circle will be singing male solos and **Rupert** is to ask Cait if she will sing female solos.

Due to the rise in costs and having to pay musicians (last year the band played free of charge), it was discussed that ticket prices will need to be increased from last years price of £10. It was discussed and suggested from the committee members present that a charge of £12 for adults and £6 for under 16's for tickets this year. **Catherine** sent an email to all committee members asking for approval and it was agreed by all committee that this would be the price.

Friends and Family Evening – 13th December 2023

This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Catherine to provide tickets.

3. **2024 Events**

Lichfield Rotary – **Anne** to go back to Rotary with the proposed date of 16th March 2023. Kaleidoscope will charge £60.

4. 1st Rehearsal of 2024

This was agreed to be 10th January 2024

5. AOB

A discussion took place about Social Prescription. This is when a doctor suggests to a patient that he/she joins a choir to help with their mental health.

It was also discussed about joining 'Making Music'. This is a UK membership organisation for leisure time music. They provide resources and support across a wide range of areas to individual music makers and groups to make it easier to promote music. This may be to our advantage.

6. Next Committee Meeting

Thursday 9th November 2023 at 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 30th November, 11.00am – sing at Lichfield Memory Café (in Lichfield Methodist Church)

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

Friday 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

Wednesday 10th January 2024 – First rehearsal of 2024

16th March 2024 – Concert for the Rotary Club of Lichfield