**Kaleidoscope – Minutes of Committee Meeting 18th January 2024**

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

1. **Helen’s Funeral**

This will be 12.00 St Stephen’s Church Fradley

**Please arrive at the church by 11.30 am**

There is no parking other than on the street but there is a car park at the community hall (not the village hall). This is a few minutes walk and beyond the school and the village hall

Please wear uniform – black with turquoise scarves

**Anne** will check if we can leave bags/coats anywhere and confirm with Rev Wall that there will be enough room for the keyboard

**Note :** After the meeting there was an exchange of mails and messages. As a result this is what was agreed :-

The committee have agreed to donate £250 from funds in memory of Helen to whichever charity her family decides. Members may wish to make a personal donation in addition. We will let you know if we hear which charity is chosen before the funeral.

1. **Members**

**Catherine** will bring the members contact list up to date and **Yvonne** will check each member’s details at rehearsal

1. **AGM**

It was agreed to postpone this until the rehearsal of 7th February. **Anne** will draw up the agenda

1. **2023 Christmas Concert & Family and Friends Evening**

**Rupert** will put his recordings of the concert on the cloud for all to listen to.

We are yet to be informed about the PRS charge at the Guildhall (which last year was about £80). Prior to this we can calculate that we covered costs and made a small profit. The costs were higher this year with the cost of the musicians and increased hall hire cost. The ticket sales were slightly less too.

Any profit will be added to the donation to our 2023 charity ‘Kids Like Us’

Family & Friends raffle raised £252. The refreshment costs were £16.22, paid by choir.

Lynne to find out the refreshment donations.

So thank you to all members who contributed to the raffle and helped make the evening a success.

1. **2024 Events**

**Rotary Concert March 16th**

This is at Lichfield Methodist Church.

**Rupert** will check which members are available for that evening

**Anne** will check if we have booked to rehearse at church Wednesday 13th

**St Peter’s Stonnall April 20th**

**Anne** to confirm we are rehearsing at the church Wednesday 17th

**Shenstone Festival**

This is likely to be in early July. **Rupert** to confirm possible date and details

**U3A Orchestra Joint Event**

**Rupert** to attend an orchestra rehearsal and decide if it would be suitable to have a joint event

**2024 Christmas Concert**

The Guildhall is not available on any suitable dates in December 2024

**Catherine** to get in touch with her contact at the Hub, St Mary’s to enquire about availability and costs

**Anne** to contact Wade St Church and St Peter & St Paul to enquire about availability & costs

The Committee discussed the option of a November concert with a varied programme, and just a few seasonal pieces.

1. **Bank Account**

We currently have only Yvonne & Catherine as signatories so **Yvonne** has prepared the documentation to add Lynne, who has agreed to be a signatory

1. **Audit**

The accounts are with the auditor in preparation for the AGM. It was agreed **Yvonne** would purchase flowers/plant as a thank you.

1. **Refreshments**

Can we remind all members that there is a small charge for tea, coffee and biscuits which is donated to our adopted charity. Please ensure you pay for your refreshments each week

1. **Next Committee Meeting**

Next committee meeting Monday February 5th at Anne’s

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Wednesday February 7th – AGM at rehearsal**

**Saturday 16th March 2024 – Concert for the Rotary Club of Lichfield at Lichfield Methodist Church**

**Saturday 20th April – Concert at St Peters, Stonnall**