**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**

We have had a message of thanks from the family and an email thanking us from Rev Elizabeth Wall. So thank you to all those who were able to take part in such a fitting tribute to Helen.

The committee have agreed to donate £250 from funds in memory of Helen to MIND, as nominated by the family. **Yvonne** will arrange the donation.

1. **Members**

We welcome Fiona into the altos.

Our thoughts are with Pat Brant as she recovers from injuries following a fall.

We have sent her a Get Well card on behalf of the choir.

1. **AGM**

**Anne** to publish Agenda, 2022 Minutes and 2023 Accounts.

The current Committee members are happy to stand down and be re-nominated.

We will be taking proposals for a Chair, and voting if more than one choir member is proposed. **Anne** to make arrangements for this if necessary

**Yvonne** cannot confirm the total amount to be donated to ‘Kids like Us’ until the PRS invoice from our Guildhall concert is received. **Yvonne** will contact the charity once the final amount is known.

**Yvonne** will be recommending that 2024 fees remain at £144 for the year.

1. **2024 Events**

**Rotary Concert March 16th**

This is at Lichfield Methodist Church.

We know that we may have low numbers in the alto section

**Lynne** has agreed to compere as necessary. **Anne** to contact Elizabeth Wall to plan details.

**Rupert** is anticipating a set of 40 minutes first half, 30 in the second.

**St Peter’s Stonnall April 20th**

We are also rehearsing at the church on Wednesday 17th

**Shenstone Festival**

This is will be Saturday 29th June. **Rupert** to accept the invitation

**Lichfield FUSE**

We have received an invitation to participate in this. **Anne** to clarify if this is as part of a massed choir, or singing our own repertoire etc.

**Lynne** to apply for Kaleidoscope inclusionin FUSEthrough Lichfield Arts website

**Cathedral Celebration**

This is on May 12th to celebrate the completion of work on the Cathedral. We agreed we would not apply for this as we now have concerts in March, April and June

**Lichfield Festival Choir Competition**

We agreed we would not apply for this

**2024 Winter/Christmas Concert**

The Guildhall is not available on any suitable dates in December 2024. **Anne** to enquire about November and whether any of the Friday & Saturday dates are provisional.

**Anne** to follow up contact with St Mary’s Hub, although there is concern it may be an expensive option.

**Anne** to pursue Wade St Church option once they have resolved their booking policy. This will not be until April.

**Anne** to investigate Darwin Hall as a venue

1. **Bank Signatory**

**Lynne** will complete the verification process to become a signatory on the bank account.

We will then have 3 signatories (Yvonne, Catherine and Lynne)

1. **Rehearsals**

Thank you to all those members now paying for refreshments

Can we encourage members to organise their music so copies can be more quickly retrieved.

This will avoid holding up all other members whilst searching for copies.

Please ask if you don’t hear which piece Rupert announces

**Rupert** is going to publish a list of music which can be handed in. This may make finding retained copies easier.

We ask for all members cooperation in helping us to start the warm-up more promptly at 7.45/7.50 and keep our break to 10/15 minutes.

This should facilitate more ‘singing’ time as we prepare for up and coming concerts and learn new music.

**Anne** is going to learn the alto part for new music so will stand next to Nicola.

1. **Next Committee Meeting**

Next committee meeting Monday March 7h at Lynne’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**

**Wednesday 17th April – Rehearsal at St Peter’s Stonnall**

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

**Saturday 29th June – Shenstone Festival Concert, St John’s Church, Shenstone**