**Kaleidoscope – Minutes of Committee Meeting 15th May 2024**

Present: Rupert Feld, Anne Mapley, Yvonne Ward , Lynne Walsh, Cheryl Guest,

Apologises : Catherine Docherty, Sandra Derrick

1. **Members**

We are pleased to welcome Sue Gray into the seconds and Lisa Eales into the sopranos.

Josie has decided to step down from the Committee after many years of service.

We thank her on behalf of all of members for her hard work and valuable contribution to the running of the choir and many successful events. She will be continuing to run the monthly £1 square.

1. **Rehearsals**

We understand not all members are comfortable raising queries in front of the whole choir. Please feel free to approach Rupert individually and he will be happy to offer help during the break. We all learn at different rates so we are keen to accommodate this.

Could we ask all members to use their own copies, both in rehearsal and performance.

We usually have additional copies to ‘borrow’ if you cannot locate your own copy during rehearsal

Please ask a Committee member if you have concerns about photocopies vs original scores.

Members may have copied scores (e.g. Good Morning Baltimore) but should have an original ‘legal copy too. If asked at a concert about any score ***only legal copies should be shown to the enquirer.***

 ***Please ask if you haven’t got an original score.***

**Anne** will clarify the position with PRS where copies have been made on cream paper.

1. **2024 Events**

**St Peter’s Stonnall April 20th**

This was an incredibly successful concert, received with enthusiasm and compliments from the audience.

It was such a good performance and a real milestone for us as it was the first concert after losing Helen.

We were aware of the additional pressures many of us felt and we would like to thank everyone for their hard work and patience in helping to deliver such a successful event.

**Shenstone Festival – 29th June**

This is will be on the evening of Saturday 29th June.

We will be rehearsing on Wednesday June 26th at the venue

**Rupert** to check in which venue this will be held.

**Anne** to mail Bob with recent photos and our logo.

**Alrewas Festival - 17th-24th August**

**Rupert** has proposed Sunday 18th , Wednesday 21st or Saturday 24th and he will follow up with the organiser for confirmation of the date.

**Rotary Concert – 7th September at Lichfield Methodist Church**

**Anne & Lynne** are meeting the Rotary representatives Monday 20th May to discuss some more detail.

Anne confirmed that PRS is not required for the Methodist Church or Thomas Spencer Hall for public concerts. The PRS is covered by the appropriate churches.

**2024 Winter/Christmas Concert**

We have booked Thomas Spencer Hall for our Christmas concert on Saturday December 14th.

We will hold a Family & Friends event on Wednesday December 18th at the hall

**Anne** to confirm hire cost of the hall for December 14th.

1. **Charities**

**Cheryl & Lynne** will contact MIND in Burton to put out feelers about how we can best work together for fund raising.

The cheque presentation and photo shoot is on Wednesday May 22nd.

If members would like to be included in the photos they are asked to arrive by 7.25 and wearing uniform (black with turquoise scarves). **Yvonne** has purchased a large cheque for presentation.

**Lynne** has contacted St Stephens school in Fradley about an annual prize in memory of Helen. As yet she has not had a response. She will follow-up, and if unsuccessful approach the other Fradley primary school.

1. **Admin**

Lynne now has her ‘gadget’ to allow her to process bank transfers online.

**Rupert** will test logon to OVH as a backup to Anne.

**Cheryl** has assumed responsibility for the collection of new member’s data and GDPR signatures.

1. **Equipment**

Lynne’s husband has kindly repaired our right-hand storage cabinet.

The lock now works again so we thank him for that.

Our piano case has given way.It drags on the floor between the wheels and does not adequately support the piano.

**Yvonne** will retrieve the invoice and **Yvonne & Rupert** will pursue a replacement from the supplier in the first instance.

**Next Committee Meeting**

Next committee meeting - Thursday June 20th at Yvonne’s

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Wednesday May 22nd 7.25 pm – ‘Kids Like Us’ cheque presentation at Thomas Spencer Hall**

**Wednesday 26th June 7.45pm – rehearsal at Shenstone venue**

**Saturday 29th June (evening) – Shenstone Festival Concert, Shenstone**

**Sunday 18th , Wednesday 21st or Saturday 24th August – Alrewas Festival**

**Saturday September 7th, 7.30 pm – Concert for Lichfield Rotary at Lichfield Methodist Church**

**Saturday December 14th, 7.30 pm – Christmas concert at Thomas Spencer Hall**

**Wednesday December 18th, 8.00 pm – Family & Friends Event at Thomas Spencer Hall**