**Kaleidoscope – Minutes of Committee Meeting 5th August 2024**

Present: Rupert Feld, Anne Mapley, Yvonne Ward , Lynne Walsh, Sandra Derrick

Apologises : Cheryl Guest, Catherine Docherty

1. **Members**

We welcome Stella Trench into the second sopranos

The second soprano section is by far the largest and we agreed we would not recruit into this section and if there are enquiries we will maintain a waiting list. We will recruit into sopranos and altos but will ensure any voice blends well into the section and the sound is balanced.

1. **Music**

Please ask Rupert if you have any queries about the music – notes, dynamics, geography about the piece. Rupert is happy to take queries during rehearsal or the break, but may defer dealing with it as appropriate

We would like to thank Rupert for the practise tracks, as many members are finding these helpful

**Rupert** will order more copies of ‘California Dreamin’.

1. **2024 + 2025 Events**

**Shenstone Festival – 29th June**

Lynne found the throat microphone much easier to manage as compere. **Rupert** will investigate a possible throat mike and its connectivity to our amp to buy for the choir’s use.

**Alrewas Festival – 22nd August, 7.30 pm**

Rupert will be playing several piano pieces and we will sing only a small part of our repertoire

**Rupert** will compere

Jo Bull will hand out folders and scarves 14th & 21st August rehearsals to those attending

Members will wear uniform - black with turquoise scarves

**Rupert** will arrange for the Committee to arrive after 6.00 pm to set up.

***Members are asked to plan to arrive by 6.45 pm so that we can warm up and practise with any musicians. (if you get held up for any reason arrive when you can)***

Sandra will take the piano + equipment on Wednesday 21st and transport to the church on 22nd.

Concert will be 2 x 45 minutes + ½ hour interval

**Please Note – Concert is at the Alrewas Methodist Church, opposite the Crown pub. Parking is limited so please allow time to park on a road and walk.**

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

**Anne** will mail Elizabeth Wall as Phil & Rosie Klich are hoping to attend . We would like them to be admitted without payment, but need to be included in the head count.

**Lynne** will compere. Keri form Burton MIND will be saying something about Helen’s bursary and Lynne will speak about Helen so she will warn members as we will be facing the audience. She intends to include member’s thoughts about the effect of choir membership on their well-being and mental health.

Tickets are selling already and publicity is being arranged by Rotary.

**Anne** will check at what time we can have access to the church on the night. We also have a rehearsal at Lichfield Methodist Church on *Wednesday September 4th*.

**Anne** will mail Sara Dyott about the rehearsal date.

**Social Evening – Wednesday January 8th**

We agreed the first Wednesday in January we would hold a social for members at the hall. A cuppa, cake and a chance to chat to other members.

**Christmas Concert – Saturday December 14th**

Rupert has booked a percussionist (Bev) and bass player for the concert. 4 male members of Half-Circle will be joining us. **Rupert** will contact Cait and ask if she would join us as a soloist

**Anne** will check the capacity of the hall. The choir will be on the floor in front of the stage and the audience sat theatre style. We need to resolve how to light the choir adequately.

We discussed options for making the hall more festive with lighting and decorations. Possibly using lights/ Christmas lighting behind the choir on the stage, set on tables to the right of the servery and using the windowsills and garlands/tinsel somewhere. **Yvonne** will lead the planning of decoration and check socket availability.

1. **Charities**

Lynne has had no response from the Fradley schools so we have decided not to pursue this.

**Lynne** has had a response from St George’s and will maintain contact.

1. **Equipment & Admin**

**Lynne** has been in contact with the local Repair Café and they will make a supporting block with attached new wheels for the base of the case. **Lynne** will then take the case to the Repair Café (possibly October) for this to be attached. We agreed not to buy a softer case.

**Catherine will** replace the equipment labels with new labels displaying Anne & Lynne’s number at the next rehearsal.

**Catherine** will issue the members contact list to the Committee to reflect recent additions.

**Next Committee Meeting**

Next committee meeting - Thursday 29th August at location tbd

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Thursday 22ndAugust evening – Alrewas Festival at Alrewas Methodist Church**

**Committee arrival with equipment – 6.00 pm**

**Members arrival – 6.45pm for warm up**

**Wednesday September 4th 7.45 pm – Rehearsal at Lichfield Methodist Church**

**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**

**Wednesday January 8th 2025 7.45pm – Choir Members Social Evening**