

Kaleidoscope – Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 24th October 2024

Present: Yvonne Ward, Rupert Feld, Lynne Walsh, Catherine Docherty, Sandra Derrick, Cheryl Guest

1. Members

- Continue to recruit for Alto and Soprano. 2nd Sopranos are well represented.
- Email received from Marian Derry. She is hoping to return to choir soon.

2. Music

- California Dreamin' – **B/F in New Year**

3. Events

Review of 7th September Concert – Rotary

- Good feedback from audience. We are engaging more with the audience by looking up from the music which makes us sound better. People were very generous and we raised a good amount for Helen's Bursary

Christmas Concert – 14th December 2024

- The collaboration with men from Half Circle might not be happening
- Bass player and drummer have been booked (£100 each)
- Posters to be organised by **Rupert**
- The compère will be **Rupert**
- Raffle Prizes – **Cheryl** and **Lynn** to organise prizes. **Cheryl** to email members (done). **Cheryl** to sell tickets for raffle. Cash will be required for the raffle tickets
- Do we need an alcohol licence? **Lynn** to check with Anne (done – no we don't)
- **Sandra** to contact Majestic Wines regarding the purchase of the wine and glasses. It has been decided that we don't need as much wine as last year but more soft drinks
- Food – nibbles will be organised by **Yvonne**
- Ticket price is £10 to include a glass of wine. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will also be available
- Tickets to be bought via Eventbrite and there will be some 'paper' tickets available through **Catherine**
- The hall is hired from 6.00pm-10.00pm. The concert will start at 7.30pm
- All profit will go to Helen's Bursary
- Are there any companies that might donate raffle gifts/vouchers for the concert? Members to be asked (done)
- Decorations – As previously mentioned in the last minutes, battery operated decorations (lights) would be nice to decorate the hall with. Members to be reminded about this

Family and Friends – 18th December 2024

- It has been decided that this event will not take place as it was felt that the majority of the audience would be the same as the Christmas Concert. This is being replaced by a social evening as it is the last rehearsal before Christmas.

Probus – 17th December 2024, St Matthew's Social Club, Burntwood

- **Lynne and Sandra** met a member of Probus. The concert will be for 45 minutes, starting at 2.15pm
- Members to arrive no later than 2.00pm
- Their budget is £50-£60 and this will go towards Helen's Bursary
- Ample car parking is available at the social club
- Uniform – all black (no scarf) and Christmas hat
- Rupert will introduce Kaleidoscope but there won't be any compering between songs

Lichfield City Station – 7th December 2024

- This will be for approximately 1 hour, time TBC
- We will be performing on the platform

4. 2025 Events

- It has been decided to cancel the social evening which was scheduled for 8th January 2025
- St Peter's Church, Stonnall – an invitation has been received for another concert. A date in September would be suitable. **Yvonne** to speak to Jill.
- **Lynn** is to keep in contact with Kerri from Burton MIND

5. Spread the Load

Lynn has made a list of all the jobs that Anne did. Committee to look at this list in the New Year and to ask members for any help they feel able to give. **B/F New Year**

6. Charities

Lynn has not received a reply from her contact at St George's Hospital, Stafford in regard to thoughts about a collaboration / concert. There isn't a fundraising team at St George's.

7. Equipment and Admin

- Piano case – this has been delayed
- **Catherine** to print more equipment labels - done
- Throat microphone will cost about £57 **B/F New Year**

8. AOB

- Due to personal reasons, Anne Mapley has resigned as Secretary and member of Kaleidoscope committee with immediate effect. She will still provide the warm up and Lynn / Yvonne will open up the hall.
- **Catherine** to send updated members list.

9. Next Meeting

7.30pm, Thursday 18th November 2024, Yvonne's

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 7th December, Time TBC – Lichfield City Train Station

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

Tuesday 17th December, 2.15pm – Probus, St Matthew's Social Club, Burntwood

Wednesday 18th December, 7.45pm – Social Evening

Wednesday 8th January 2025 – First rehearsal of the New Year

September 2025 – St Peter's Church, Stonnall