DERBY HOSPITALS CHOIR

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on February 27th 2019 at the RDH

Present

Louise Hill (in the Chair), Elaine Finn (Vice Chairman), Dick Williamson (Treasurer), Di Alleyne (Secretary), David Henshaw (MD), Val Edge, Maggie Evans, Jean Green, Kathy Greig, Richard Kendall, Dave Mitchell,

Prospective Members – Wendy Chambers, Linda Hardy, Christine Hulland, Sue Worrall.

Apologies

There were none

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on January 23rd 2019 were approved.

Correspondence

Louise had received one letter from the heart failure clinic but that would be dealt with as a separate item later.

David’s Update on 2019 Concert.

David had tried to negotiate a situation where we could have both the Youth Band and the saxophonist Alistair Parnell for our second feature. This had not been possible for two reasons. The first was that the band did not want less input than last year and secondly the professional saxophonist would cause the band to look amateurish. This left a dilemma between Louise and David. Louise was worried that the absence of the relatives and friends of the band would cause a huge reduction in the sale of tickets which would in turn reduce the amount raised for the beneficiary. David played us some examples of Alistair’s work which were wonderful and said that in his mind the enjoyment of the choir was as important as the money raised and we could advertise this as a special “one off” concert.

A vote was taken and the saxophonist won by 13 votes for and 2 against. It was noted that we should all have to work much harder to sell concert tickets to compensate for the lack of the band’s relatives.

Florence Nightingale Meeting

David had attended this and reported that the Service would be at Holloway Church at 11.15am on May 11th 2019.

Broadway Church was only available for the first two rehearsals for this event so another venue had to be sought. Louise had managed to find an alternative – Derby Grammar School on Rykneld Road.

This is where the Choral Union rehearse and has a grand piano. It was suggested that Louise and David visit there as soon as possible to decide if it is suitable. If so the choir would have to be informed of the change. Louise had also looked into the possibility of using the venue for rehearsals for the Cathedral Concert as Broadway do not seem to welcome our business.

Music and Arrangements for Florence Nightingale Service.

The choir should assemble at 9.30am for seating and rehearsal. The music will be - The Lord is my Shepherd (Vicar of Dibley), Every time I feel the Spirit and Jesus word of God Incarnate.

Congregational Hymns - Thine be the glory, Mine eyes have seen the glory and Praise my soul the king of Heaven.

Ideas for 2019 Beneficiary

A beneficiary has not yet been chosen for this year so the committee was asked to think of ideas. It was noted that we had not sung for any cancer related charities for a long time and one suggestion was Prostate Cancer. Other suggestions will be submitted later.

Arrangements for AGM

This will take place at Little Eaton Village Hall at 6pm on April 5th 2019. The Committee should arrive at 5.30pm to set up chairs and tables for supper afterwards. Extra chairs should be set up for AGM meeting only.

Timings are – 5.30pm set up, 6.00pm AGM and 7.00pm supper.

Menu is the same as before but Louise is catering. Offers of help came in but were refused. Cost £13.50 as before.

Finance Update

The books are at present with the auditor but we are solvent.

Update on Appeal from the heart failure clinic

Louise had been approached by the heart failure clinic to see if we could help them with their appeal for a machine for finding veins in patients with heart failure. This is called an Accuvein and costs £4000. They have already raised £1500 so we agreed to donate £2500 so they could have it soon. It is very much in demand and at present they only have one.

Any Other Business

1) Jean is having difficulty finding people to approach for donations and the committee were asked to think of new ones. She and Louise were organising a cake stall on April 26th and the choir will be asked to donate cakes.

2) Elaine asked if we could cut down the hours for Draw ticket selling at the RDH this year. It was agreed to do 10am to 12.30pm and 12.30pm to 3.0pm

It was also felt that it helps to have recordings of the choir concerts playing while we are selling so Dick was commissioned to buy a portable CD player.

Date and Time of Next Meeting.

Wednesday March 20th at the RDH at 7 30pm.