DERBY AND BURTON HOSPITALS CHOIR

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on August 14th 2019 at the Royal Derby Hospital

Present

Louise Hill (in the Chair), Dick Williamson (Treasurer), Elaine Finn (Vice Chairman) Di Alleyne (Secretary), Maggie Evans, Val Edge, Jean Green, Kathy Greig, Lynda Hardy, Richard Kendall, Sue Lloyd, Tony Lloyd, Dave Mitchell, Sue Worrall.

Apologies

David Henshaw (MD)

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on June 27th were approved.

Correspondence

All correspondence related to choir numbers and will be dealt with in the next section.

Choir Numbers for 2019

Di reported that she now had 80 members on the register and that there were some outstanding potential members from internet application forms. She had emailed them after the dead line for applications to say they could join if they were still interested but had had no replies a week later.

The committee said that 80 was a good number and we had only prepared 80 copies of the music. Di was asked to email David to remove the application form from the internet as she had received some strange e- mails and this was not the method by which we recruited new people.

David H had promised to have the music ready for the 22nd August after which Louise would photocopy the copies he had arranged.

It was anticipated that existing members of the choir would turn up on the 4th September who hadn’t signed up but they would have to be told that they would be kept on the database and could apply next year. It had been clearly stated in the newsletter that members must fill in an application form and that the dead line was August 2nd.

First Rehearsal

Di, with the register, will be the first port of call, Val and Maggie will be next in two lines allocating the music which must be signed for, then Jean to collect the subscriptions. The committee was asked to be there at

 6 30pm to prepare. Dave Mitchell will open the doors for us.

Printing

Prize Draw tickets are ready for collection and when collected will be passed to Maggie and Val who will put a book in with every set of music.

Posters will be ready for the first rehearsal

Publicity Update

Sue and Lynda had had a meeting and drawn up a list of people to email. They were reminded that the Beneficiary for this year is Derby and Burton Hospital Trust combined Cancer Services. Louise had arranged for an A1 poster for the Cathedral to put on their notice board. Louise also said that there was now a good publicity Department at the RDH.

Programme Advertising

The post for this had not been designated but it was deemed to be too difficult to drum up new adverts considering the state of companies at present. The four companies who take an advert every year would be contacted for confirmation and Kathy offered to do that. The programme would be smaller but therefore cost less to print. At the first rehearsal the choir members would be asked if they had any contacts who would like to have an advert in the programme.

Dignitaries invited to the 2019 Concert.

Louise had invited the following:-

Mayor, Cllr Frank Harwood and Mrs Harwood + their Chauffeur.

Vice Lord Lieutenant Col. John Wilson and Mrs Wilson

Mr John Rivers and Mrs Pam Rivers (accepted)

Sir Stephen Moss and Mrs Maura Teager (accepted)

Mr Gavin Boyle and Mrs Heather Rushbrook (accepted)

Mr Tim Diggle and Mr Duncan Bedford (accepted)

Mrs Kathy McClean new CEO of the RDH (accepted.

Mr Burlington

Update on Future Vacant Positions

No news on any of these. John Rivers was getting worried about the 2020 Florence Nightingale Service as this was to be the 200th Anniversary and would be very big. He had said he would carry on in his post to arrange that and Louise had agreed to do the same. It is to be in the Cathedral next year but the date has not been fixed as yet as there are to be other celebrations as well as the Service.

No news yet about the future Chairman and Secretary. Louise will mention it at the rehearsals and Di will write a list of the Secretary’s duties.

Update on Fundraising

Jean reported that she had procured 10 good prizes. A John Lewis Hamper for £250, a food hamper, a cheese hamper, Prosecco, Thorntons Chocolates, an Echo Mini Dot, Lunch for two at Morley Hayes, Grant Sweet hamper, Afternoon Tea for two at Hackwood Farm and a Voucher for meat at a Butcher. The tickets are to be £1 each this year and selling days are as follows:- RDH Corridor- November 1st, 5th, 22nd and 28th. ( Times 10 – 12.30am and 1-3.30pm). Junction 24 – October 10th and 22nd, November 12th and 25th. (Times as before). Volunteers from the Radiotherapy unit will be asked to help to sell tickets.

Finance

Dick reported no change and £5607 in the bank. We are financially okay at present

Any Other Business.

Louise said that we had printed 585 tickets for the Cathedral. These would be available on Prior Booking as last year and would be available from September 16th . This year the Cathedral Bookshop will also sell tickets. Louise would supply the Bookshop as and when they needed. We agreed to cover the booking fee as last year. Tickets will be sold in blocks, Left, Centre and Right downstairs and the Balcony.

Richard said he had been given music not needed to dispose of. He had tried a few avenues but not had much success. The Library we use said they would take them but were not allowed to pay anything. He was advised to contact a Charity Bookshop in Belper to see if they would take them.

Date and Time of Next Meeting.

Thursday September 19th at 7.30pm at the RDH