DERBY AND BURTON HOSPITALS CHOIR

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on November 22nd 2019 at the Royal Derby Hospital

Present

Louise Hill (in the chair), Dick Williamson (Treasurer), Di Alleyne (Secretary), Val Edge, Jean Green, Kathy Greig, Lynda Hardy, Sue Lloyd, Tony Lloyd, Dave Mitchell, Sue Worral. David H joined us at 8pm.

Potential new committee members:- Anna Cuthbert, Simon Collinson, Kevin Griffiths.

Apologies

Maggie Evans, Elaine Finn, Richard Kendall.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on October 17th were approved.

Correspondence

Louise had received replies from the VIPs. All had accepted except the High Sherriff. These were the Lord Lieutenant and wife, John and Pam Rivers, Kathy McClean (new head of the trust), The Mayor, wife and chauffeur, Gavin Boyle (CEO Derby Hospitals), Duncan Bedford (CEO Burton Hospitals), Don Amott and wife, Tim Diggle, Mr and Mrs Bowers, Sir Stephen Moss. This will make two rows.

Last Rehearsal Arrangements

It was decided that the Committee will not meet at 5.30pm unless something has come up at the last minute. They will arrive at 6.30pm for a 7pm start of the rehearsal.

Val had managed to take advantage of a half price offer from Morrisons for the mince pies even though she had arranged it from Cumbria where she was on holiday. She was congratulated.

We decided to have Instant coffee to save Louise bringing her machine. Di will bring milk and sugar.

Louise and Jean will set up the refreshments but the committee is asked to help with the clearing up.

2020 Committee and Job Allocation

Jean, Lynda and Sue Worrall are standing down at the AGM. Lynda said she would still be happy to deliver flyers as she had enjoyed the job this year.

All the other jobs are available and Louise will make a list for the meeting in January when choices will be made. The new members are looking at us with a view to possibly joining the committee.

Elaine will be in charge of the music and has also offered to write the minutes.

AGM 2020

This will take place on Friday April 3rd at Little Eaton Village Hall at 5.30pm. There will be a supper afterwards.

Carol Singing at the LRCH

Up to present nothing has been arranged unless Louise can arrange something by next Wednesday. The potential date is December 17th.

Finance Update.

Things are going well.

 Dick has paid the fee for “Making Music” and the Broadway fees (the latter have increased to £63 from £60 for rehearsals making it £880 this year).

We have spent £520 on prize draw prizes, (all of which was retained from last year).

Income – the Draw is going well, at present £800 more than this time last year.

Cathedral Concert

Programme update - David will announce the order of the programme at the next rehearsal.

Ticket Sales – Any seats left from the side reserved for the band will go on general sale from next Monday. There are about 60 other seats still available.

On the day – David and Richard will get to the Cathedral early to sort out the choir seating. The remaining committee members are asked to arrive about midday. The choir are asked to arrive at 1.30pm to be seated and a rehearsal will take place until about 4pm.

In the evening the doors will be opened at 6.45pm when the choir will go straight to the Beddoes Room. They will return to the same Beddoes Room for the interval and should bring drinks for themselves.

 Jean asked Dick to supply 15 floats for the stewards

The Prize Draw – Tickets will be sold only before the concert begins and the draw will take place in the interval. An announcement will be made in the second half for people to look at the board for the winning numbers. An extra prize has been donated at the last minute. This is a hamper from Nestles.

Richard Moulder will read out the benificiary’s speech during the second half.

Any Other Business

David suggested that we appeal to the choir to sell extra tickets.

Radio Derby is to be contacted to advertise the concert.

Kevin Griffiths suggested we try to get on to as much Social Media as possible and that we look for sponsors for the future.

Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday January 8th 2020 at 7.30pm at the Royal Derby Committee Room.