DERBY AND BURTON HOSPITALS CHOIR

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on January 8th 2020 at the Royal Derby Hospital

Present

Louise Hill (in the chair), Elaine Finn (Vice Chairman), Dick Williamson (Treasurer), Di Alleyne (Secretary), David Henshaw (MD), Val Edge, Jean Green, Kathy Greig, Kevin Griffiths, Lynda Hardy, Richard Kendall, Sue Lloyd, Tony Lloyd, Dave Mitchell.

Apologies

Anna Cuthbert, Maggie Evans, Simon Collinson.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2019 were approved.

Correspondence

Louise had received a letter from Ruth Astley thanking us for the loan of music for the New Opera Company and enclosing a cheque.

Cathedral Concert feedback and ideas for 2020.

The concert was deemed a great success and the only adverse comments were about the microphone which was very poor.

David said it was the best since he began.

The Mayor was delighted with it and asked if he could be included next year when he would no longer be in office. Agreed! Gavin Boyle also complimented us.

The volunteers who helped with the audience worked hard but had not had sufficient training and were not checking tickets on entry.

The Youth Band was complimented as was Alistair Parnell.

It was suggested that we should rein in Richard Moulder but most members thought he was very good. (It was probably the microphone problem which instigated that complaint).

Ideas for 2020 - The Concert date is December 4th and it was decided to have just the Choir and the Youth Band. Kevin suggested that we might have a concert at Burton but we decided that as the amalgamation of the two Trusts was so new it was too early for that. When Burton expressed an interest would be the time for that. Duncan Bedford, the CEO of Burton was at the Concert.

Carol Singing Feedback

Since only seven members turned up (one being David’s wife), it was decided to discontinue this in future.

Florence Nightingale Service.

This is to take place at the Cathedral on May 14th at 11am. Rehearsals will take place on 29th April, 6th and 13th May at Broadway. It will be very special as a member of the Royal family will be there and it will be televised. Choir numbers will be limited to fit the retro choir and we will endeavour to make the choir as balanced as possible. Application forms will be included with the newsletter.

Committee jobs for 2020

Chairman – Louise but Kevin will shadow with a view to taking over in the future.

Vice Chairman – Elaine

Secretary – (split into two), Elaine will do the minutes of the meetings and Anna will do the membership.

Treasurer – No one as yet but Kevin will sound out his wife who has experience. Otherwise we will have to advertise.

Concert tickets including on-line – Louise.

Company Advertising for the programme x 2 - Kevin and Tony.

Publicity, including posters and adverts x 2 – Lynda and Sue (although they will no longer be committee members).

Hospital Selling Coordinator – Kathy. Louise will book the dates.

Practice booking – Richard

Music Co-ordinators – Elaine and husband David.

Proof Reading/ Legal – Richard.

Fund Raising – Louise and Mandy

Managing online publicity – Anna

AGM Date and Venue

This will take place on April 3rd at Little Eaton Village Hall at 5pm. The hiring cost is £77.00.

The committee are asked to be there at 4.30pm for setting up. The meeting will be followed by a 2 x course supper. An application form for the latter will be included with the newsletter.

Finance Update and donation to the Combined Cancer Unit

Dick had handed out sheets with all the latest figures and we had ended up with £15,161.00 in the bank. It was decided to donate £10,000.00 to the Beneficiary. The cheque will be presented at the AGM.

Events for Summer 2020

If any there will be discussions later.

Any Other Business

1) Car park cards and registration numbers. The new members will receive these from the retiring members. The registration numbers do not seem to be necessary.

2) Appeal for money. The choir will be asked if they know of anyone who was likely to donate money and the information should be passed to Kevin or Tony to follow up.

3) Cake sales – It was decided to hold one in the Spring and one in the Autumn. Dates to be booked.

4) Update on the Dementia Unit. – When Louise enquired if they had bought their - pads yet she was told ”No”. She got together with a member of the department and they ordered 8x I-pads which were delivered last Monday. (4 for RDH and 4 for LRCH). The patients are apparently delighted with them.

Date and Time of next Meeting

Wednesday 12th February 2020 at the RDH at 7.30pm.