**Derby Hospitals Choir – Minutes of Zoom Meeting 17-Sep-2022**

Present:

David Henshaw Chair

Kath Cawdell Secretary

Shirley Searson Treasurer

Kathy Greig

Joy Walsh

Anne Mellors

Apologies: Michael Wilcockson

Return of Assets (brief update)

The letter has been sent to the old committee members as approved by the meeting on 7th September but no reply as yet.

Kath Greig had nothing to report from the old committee meeting as the date had been changed from14th to 21st September.

Kathy McClean at the Hospital had delegated the matter to Simon Crowther who is speaking to both **David** and Louise (separately). The Hospital seem keen to maintain a connection with the choir although at present the only link is the name, but this may mean that the storage room will remain available for the music etc. Following these conversations, consultation will take place before any changes are made.

The legal advice is to allow a little more time for a response from the old committee but it would appear that any disposal of assets would constitute theft. Hopefully this difficulty can be avoided.

Rehearsal Dates:

St John’s Methodist Church, Allestree is available on Wednesday evenings at a cost of £14.00 per hour, members to pay a subscription to cover this cost.

A start date of 28th September is suggested leaving time for 11 rehearsals up to 7th December, (total cost £308.00) with the concert on Friday 9th December.

It is suggested to use Carols for Choirs – some choir members have their own copies and **Kath G** to ask to borrow some copies from Mickleover Methodist Church. Along with David’s own arrangements it was felt that there was enough to be able to make a start on rehearsals.

It was agreed to start rehearsals on 28th September, **David** to confirm booking with St John’s, Allestree.

A query was raised about parking at Allestree, possible costs – David to check.

Concert:

Suggested date is Friday 9th December at 7.30 at St John’s however this hall only holds 100 seated – we may need a larger venue. Broadway Baptist (£70.00) could be a possibility with the cost covered from ticket sales. The concert to last ¾ - 1hr with refreshments afterwards. An assessment of numbers expected to want tickets needs to be made before the final decision and other details e.g. raffle, beneficiary, to be discussed at the next meeting.

Finance:

It was agreed to ask members for a £10.00 subscription to cover costs, to be paid at the first rehearsal.

Communication to Members:

**David** to email members to ascertain how many are available for rehearsals and if the concert date is suitable. Alternative dates could be Friday 2nd or Wednesday 7th December.

Letter to include the rehearsal dates and venue, reminder of subscription, do they have a copy of Carols for Choirs and which ones (1,2,3, 100) also which voice part do they sing. Please pass on all details to friends who may not be on email. **All**

A query was raised about performing rights arrangements – **David** to check.

AOB:

David reported that Anne Loach had not received the change of address for the AGM and had therefore gone to the wrong place on 7th September. He suggested that she be co-opted onto the committee and all present agreed.

The next meeting needs to be after the first rehearsal, possibly Friday 30th in the evening. Joy had kindly offered her home but cannot manage that date. **David** to send out a doodle poll.