

Scottish Chamber Choir Committee Meeting 31.1.20

Minutes

93/6 Warrender Park Road, Edinburgh

<p>1. Present: Guen Innes, Pauline McClellan, Marcia McDougall, Graham Drew, Stéphanie Robin, Valerie Holehouse, Milda Zinkus Apologies: Walter Thomson, Iain McLarty</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of last meeting: Approved</p>	
<p>3. Matters arising: Concert secretary post: advertising led to no responses. Some individuals approached but not keen. Others suggested – GI will ask others regarding the post. If not possible to recruit we may have to share out duties. Recruitment: PM to ask Julie about NYCOS; GD to put posters up in Alison House, SR to put advertising for joining the choir on Twitter and Facebook. SR has done a recruitment poster and will take posters to the choir. VH will put posters at the music library. GI and MM in hospitals. Lottery funding applied for by PM – should hear soon. Weekend workshop: Amy has looked at venues – PM will say to her that better venues are those without dorms. 15th June rehearsal booked by GI (at SM). Chris Duffy will meet us at the Dean church prior to the rehearsals there. GD purchased card reader and has contacted individuals regarding fees.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>GI</p> <p>PM GD SR VH GI MM PM</p>
<p>4. Brahms Requiem joint concert plans 7th Nov: update PM – productive meeting – minutes have been circulated. PM to send copy of contract to GD. GD is cooperating with the other treasurers and SR will work with publicity people – treasurers want to know what publicity will cost and will have one set of printing. Need to decide on ticket agency. Further meeting scheduled for May. VH will speak to the Music Library re scores.</p>	<p>PM SR</p> <p>VH</p>
<p>5. March concert: Poster amended to include Hildegard von Bingen. 20 posters will cost £30; to be referenced on events websites and emails and SR will also look at local women's groups and the French Institute. SR was complemented on the beautiful poster. SR has made a list to collect email addresses from interested parties at concerts. Also something to collect feedback – 'Audience Voice' - 'please leave us notes about what you like and what we can do better.' To go inside programme – a good idea – to try at March concert. Front of house – GI to check whether St. Giles will have someone at the front or if we have to provide someone to hand out programmes. Programme notes have been sent out with advert email. Martin doing programme - shorter for this concert. Regarding advertising for other choirs: we won't have room for adverts but could have fliers on the table. Usually have reciprocal agreement for them to advertise our concerts but one of the choirs has a concert only the week after which means SR would have to have the adverts for June ready. GI will ask St. Giles if it is OK to put things in to the programme. MZ has had choir members volunteering for solos.</p>	<p>SR</p> <p>GI</p> <p>GI</p>
<p>6. June concerts: Biggar: PM will book hall in Biggar prior to the concert for 1 hour</p>	

<p>(£15/hour). Negotiations ongoing with Biggar church in terms of a fee for the church – agreed to wait to see how much we make for the concert before suggesting a fee. It will be possible to lock our valuables in a room in the hall.</p> <p>Programme – Valerie has ordered the music and has already got the Parry, also perhaps Nysted ‘Immortal Bach’.</p> <p>Limekilns: SR will send MM the SCC graphic for the Village Magazine. Adults £12, Students £6, Under 18s free. Tickets on line via ticketsource.co.uk/scottishchamberchoir and at the door. Publicity costs will be around £100 and tickets will be on sale on TicketSource. SR will send link and Email address to Marcia. MM to check internet link in LK church. Bookmark into magazine? MM will ask and will put up posters in the local area.</p>	<p>PM</p> <p>SR</p> <p>SR MM</p>
<p>7. Website update: Jim has made the requested changes: changed banner, new Meet our Members feature– others please volunteer to do this – will go on to Twitter as well. Thank you to Jim and SR. There is also a tab about being available for events such as weddings.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>8. Music Valerie has made some alterations to the list of music having been through it all. The music has been put on to the Gerontius site for possible hire. Some music hired already.</p>	
<p>9. Treasurer’s report: copy of accounts circulated. There is a small positive balance for this season so far and the current account balance has remained fairly static.</p>	
<p>10. Publicity : as above under concerts</p>	
<p>11. Membership: list circulated. We are short of first sopranos for March. Totals are 8 basses, 4 tenors, 9 altos, 7 sopranos for March concert. MZ to discuss with IM. Enquiries regarding joining the choir have been made via the website, Gerontius, and Facebook publicity.</p>	<p>MZ</p>
<p>12. Next meeting: Monday 9th March at 7.30 p.m. 79 Craiglea Drive, EH10 5PE to discuss future concerts. Apologies MM: WT agreed previously to take minutes.</p>	
<p>13. AOB Future plans: Christmas concert perhaps a Sat evening in December as the November concert is early. Possible Venues: Morningside Parish Church, 2 Cluny Gardens; Greenbank Church; Reid Memorial Church; Mayfield; St. Paul’s and St. George’s; Reid concert hall; St Serf’s. GI to investigate costs and availability of these venues. Could find out when concerts for other choirs are. Sat 19th December is a possibility or 5th as an Advent themed concert. To be discussed with IM at next meeting.</p> <p>Music: could ask choir for ideas for future concerts before the next committee meeting in March so these can inform planning. No dates in place yet beyond 7th Nov. Can also refer back to the previous AGM for ideas for music from the choir.</p> <p>Dates: possibility of a single concert in May rather than March and June.</p> <p>MM 3.2.20</p>	<p>GI</p> <p>MZ</p>