

Scottish Chamber Choir
Minutes of Committee Meeting

29/8/16

79 Craiglea Drive, Edinburgh

1. Present: Bridget Beagan, Guen Innes, Pauline McClellan, Julie Morrice, Steve Rooney, Milda Zinkus.
2. Apologies: Adrienne Burgess, Iain McLarty, Sue Shoosmith
3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:
 - CH only volunteer for helping with catering. Decided that MZ will provide a sign-up sheet for sharing task throughout the choir.
 - SR to update us on final total from Rosslyn.
4. Open rehearsal 12th September:
 - IM to confirm what music will be sung and let JM know for photocopying.
 - 3 extra people so far identified as coming along.
 - BB has put up posters in libraries and informed universities.
 - Will ask on 5th Sep if choir members are bringing friends.
 - GI will share on facebook and ask people to tag.
5. November concert:
 - GI will add Fletcher files onto website.
 - Programme of dramatic inserts is taking shape. The four directors are meeting IM before next week's rehearsal and then they will attend first rehearsal to gain an idea of the musical input.
 - IM will ask for volunteers to perform solo items.
 - The concert will be accompanied by a pianist, Chris Harding.
 - Methodist Church balcony can be used by the actors. Actors will bring lighting and the café will be open for light meals with last orders at 6.30pm. Suggested that soft drinks only will be served during the interval.
 - Will need front of house staff – GI to ask for assistance.
 - Suggested title 'Double, double toil and trouble'. Others suggestions to JM as soon as possible.
 - JM liaising with university students over publicity. Decided to use A6 size fliers.
 - Bedlam sending photographer on 5th for shots for Facebook page.
 - Need to ask IM if the pianist will be needed for rehearsals other than the week of the concert.
 - MZ updated the committee on membership.
 - Discussed possibility of further choral scholarships. May be possible in future.
6. Christmas Charity Concert:
 - Title: Joy to the World. Richard Holloway doing readings. Organist Michael Bonaventure. MT to do the poster flier and advert for newspaper for Waverley Care. Ticket price normal. GI to put up concert on Ticket Source all proceeds to Waverley Care and The Soko fund.
 - IM still to investigate if brass players could be involved.

- Need to ask IM if he wants to use '100 carols for choirs'.
 - Reception afterwards for the choir and invited guests.
 - SR to phone Karen to determine how IM will be paid for the two rehearsals.
 - JM to check if the rehearsal in the church is the Thursday or Friday evening.
7. AGM/rehearsal 3rd October
- Suggestion that Richard Lewis could take rehearsal on 3rd October.
 - Agenda for AGM discussed. PM to issue papers. SR to provide financial papers.
8. March concert:
- Brahms requiem with piano duet. IM to confirm the rest of the programme.
 - Problems acquiring the two pianists suggested on the 25th. GI to enquire about possibility of concert on the Sunday afternoon.
9. Summer concert:
- Friday rehearsal in South Queensferry needs amended in rehearsal schedule.
10. Workshop:
- Scott Inglis-Kidger will lead our annual workshop on Saturday 4th March.
 - Need to bring own lunch and home baking.
 - Cost? Depends on numbers. GI to ask for numbers on 19th Sep.
 - Volunteers for workshop sub-committee are Brian, Stephanie and Adrienne.
 - Need to ask IM if it would be appropriate to look at some of the music for the summer concert at this workshop.
11. Website:
- PM to post new rehearsal schedule and minutes.
12. 50th Anniversary
- The choir's 50th Anniversary is approaching in 2018-19 season.
 - Need to get funding for a commission. SR still to investigate Making Music's 'Adopt a Composer'. SR also to find out about Lottery funding possibilities.
 - Once funding secured could ask Rory Boyle again.
 - BB to look into idea of 'Friends of the Choir'.
 - Will ask choir for volunteers to form a sub-committee for arrangements.
13. Treasurer's Report
- With the exception of the investment in the new website we have broken even for the year.
14. A.O.C.B.
- MZ and SR will work on a contract for IM for next Monday.
 - PM and JM to register for online banking.
 - Programme advertising - SS to go ahead and find advertisers for programme which could cover costs of printing. JM suggested developing good relationships with other choirs and advertising each others concerts would be a good way forward.
15. Date of next meeting: Monday 21st November.