

NEW MUSIC MAKERS Committee Meeting - Minutes 5th November 2024

Present:

Eric Gerrey (Chairman), Sarah Turl, Eunice Deuchar, Sharon Thomas, Jerry Gamble, Rebecca Williams, Margaret Ballard, Naomi Holloway, Gen Marsh

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Agreed by all as correct.

3. Matters Arising

Photos for the website still ongoing - Rebecca has sent some photos to Emmy, and some are on the website.

Lillian is to forward some videos to Emmy to put on there as well.

The Christmas booking of Hedge End hall is confirmed and paid.

The minutes on the website are now sorted – Naomi to forward instructions to Eric on how to add them to the website. **NH**

The lockup increase in rent is now sorted with Shurgard's after Sharon complained to them about the increase - they offered a 50% reduction, with a better deal going forwards.

The welcome pack forms have been completed by Naomi.

The Christmas poster is now on Ticketsource.

The tickets are selling - we have so far sold 20 for the afternoon and 24 for the evening.

Eric to print more tickets for Sarah, for both the afternoon and evening. **EG**

We need more posters - Sarah to prepare 2 x A5 posters to send to Eric to print on 1 x A4 Eric to print some more. **EG**

The old laptop - Eric will take the laptop and the old hard drive to ensure everything has been copied over before it is disposed of. **EG**

Forthcoming events;

Social – 16th Nov for the Shuffleboard event - hall is booked and paid for.

Haskins – 19th and 20th Dec - 6pm has been confirmed as starting time.

John Lewis 11th Dec - 7pm start.

Raffle Tickets – Sharon advised she has enough for the Christmas shows.

4. Correspondence

Nothing at present

5. Finance

£6495 total in bank at present.

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Payments include flyers for the Christmas concerts, Shurgard's £78.65, and £163 other - which includes the booking of the hall for the Social.

The Music committee's budget for this year can be increased due to the savings on the above - £900 to be confirmed, for new music.

6. Publicity

The posters for the Christmas concerts have gone out to all the usual magazines. The Mayor has been invited to the concerts.

We need a few more posters in future - 100 professionally printed is not enough, next time we need 150.

7. Website and FB

The website still needs updating - re photos - this is ongoing.

Sarah looks after Facebook.

It was suggested we set up an Instagram account which is linked to the Facebook account. Naomi will have a look to see how to do this and liaise with Sarah.

(Information since shared with Sarah by Rebecca).

RW/NH

8. Local Vocals

Kerry has joined the group.

Concerns were raised about singing at a Christmas party at Eastleigh on 19th and 20th Dec, which are the same dates as Haskins.

Pudbrook House are interested in Local Vocals doing a session with them, but the only free date is 3rd Dec. Agreed to offer to attend on this date, and also advertise our concerts to the residents.

NH

We could possibly arrange a minibus for them to come.

9. Forthcoming events

Christmas concerts 14th Dec:

It was agreed (with one abstention) that Amelia (pupil of Lillian) could be invited to perform a violin solo but only for 3 minutes duration, with a Christmas theme.

She will be asked to accompany Pachobel.

Raffle prizes:

We have a few small prizes

Eric to ask at rehearsals for prizes, but to stress we need good quality ones, or ask people to donate some money to buy some, by 1st Dec. Donations either to Sharon or direct to bank account.

EG

Father Christmas:

Eric can step in to this role. Lin has been contacted by Rebecca to see if she still has our original costume. If not, we may need to consider buying one.

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Volunteers to help:

Sound - Eric to ask Andy Duell **EG**

Agreed it will be simpler if all solos come to the front with one microphone.

Kitchen - Eric to ask Tom and Di, Janet and John, Dave Eyers and Roger Adams.

Martyn has already agreed to do front of house.

Fish and chips in the middle of the 2 performance's - Gen to organise. **GM**

This will be free to non-choir helpers, if they help at both performances.

Mulled wine and mince pies to be supplied by Eric.

Lock-up has cups, squash, tea and coffee, but replacement sugar and more tea-bags required. **ST**

Gen to give Eunice ribbon for tying up the children's gift bags. **GM**

9b. Charity Collections

One charity for all Christmas events was picked at random from the suggestions forwarded by Choir members.

Southampton City Mission (from Mike Ward). Mike will provide collection boxes, banners etc.

Choir to be notified on Thursday of decision. **EG**

10. Choir welfare

Everyone is reminded to make sure each month that there is nothing arising, and continue to monitor - **ALL**

11. AOB

Choir rehearsals start again on 9th January 2025

The next committee meeting date for 2024: Tuesday 3rd December

Meeting dates for 2025 were agreed:

Tuesday 21st Jan

Tuesday 18th Feb

Monday 17th March

Meeting closed at 9.40pm.