

NEW MUSIC MAKERS Committee Meeting Minutes

3 December 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:

The job list spreadsheet for the Christmas concerts was reviewed and discussed, with items completed and names put in boxes. **Action complete.**

The website has been updated now, with photographs and videos. **Action complete.**

4. Correspondence

None at present.

5. Finance

Treasurer report to 30 November 2024.

Total assets £6934. Making Music fee for 2025 paid of £230, and silver insurance £107. Christmas concert has brought in some ticket sales, and donations for draw prizes of £103.

Following singing at Bishops Waltham Christmas market, we received £50 to help cover pianist's fee and took a collection of £29 towards our nominated charity, Southampton City Mission. Also received Easyfundraising payment £38.

We have paid out £310 for some new music. The £740 under "other" includes the fish and chip income £200 and donations for Lillian's present of £292. Our deposit for the shuffleboard of £100 has been returned to us. The net surplus after paying for the hire of the hall for the shuffleboard was £84, compared with £162 earlier in the year.

We have received £100 from St John's as a thank you for the concert done for them in July.

6. Publicity

The tickets for the Christmas concert are selling well, 101 sold for the afternoon and 50 sold for the evening so far.

Facebook is being updated with information on Local Vocals etc and has had lots of views. Some tickets have been sold via a Botley magazine and Forget Me Not so we are reaching a new audience.

7. Website and FB

Both have been updated now, with photographs and videos.

Instagram ongoing - setting up an Instagram account which is linked to the Facebook account. **ST**

8. Local Vocals

Pudbrook House went down well. Christmas songs well received.

Snowdrops next Tuesday - Dementia group and the home people together.

HMA on 13 Dec confirmed by Jill Diamond.

Hamble Heights have not yet confirmed.

Fully booked now until March 2025.

9. Forthcoming events

John Lewis - Wed 11 Dec 3rd floor at 7.00 pm to 7.50 pm. Choir to be there for 6.45pm, ladies with gold tops, men with gold bow ties.

It was noted that the charity boxes used for collection at Bishops Waltham are not themed or named - Mike Ward to be asked to rectify this if collection is to be made at John Lewis and Haskins. **EG**

Christmas concerts 14 Dec - there is a list of helpers but we could do with more in the kitchen during the concert. EG to ask choir members to lend a hand. **EG**

There will be a tin of chocolates in the entrance hall.

Sharon to purchase tea, coffee, milk (3 x 4 pints) and biscuits **STh**

Eric to get mince pies. **EG**

Raffle prizes – agreed an M&S voucher would be purchased – **RW**

Other prizes to be purchased by Sharon. **STh**

Eric to ask Haskins to donate a voucher. **EG**

Tablecloths - paper ones donated.

Programmes - A5 to fold, on green paper.

Flowers to be purchased for Amelia - £10 - Rebecca to organise, also flowers for Lillian

RW

Singing at Haskins – Choir to be there 5.45pm for 6pm start on 19th and 20th December. Wear Christmas jumpers and Christmas hats.

10. Choir welfare

Everyone is reminded to make sure each month that there is nothing arising and continue to monitor.

11. AOB

The lost/damaged music replacement policy - it was agreed by all that a fee would be requested of £5 per copy.

Eric to inform the Music Librarian **EG**

Tony will record what we all have, Eric will ask him to do a list of all Christmas music we have in the New Year **EG**

We should have 52 copies of everything, with a max of 49 choir members.

Lillian's leaving present - It was decided to purchase a Swarovski bracelet, ordered online by Sarah, and some flowers approx £30 in value. **RW**

A vase with engraving from the NMM choir to be purchased as well. **NH**

It was agreed the wording will be "Thank you for the music. The New Music Makers".

Bishops Waltham event – Organiser Rachel happy with NMM contribution. Asked if we could go back there next year. Gen to find out date for next year. **GM**

Rachel also asked if choir could use an amplifier to make the sound louder, but Eric advised this was not possible.

Lillian has asked for a video to be made of our Christmas concert - a contribution has been offered for this by a choir member, but it was felt that Lillian should organise it if she wants one.

Choir rehearsals start again on 9th January 2025.

The next committee meeting date :

Tuesday 21st January 2025

Further meeting dates for 2025 agreed:

Tuesday 18th February

Monday 17th March

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.