

NEW MUSIC MAKERS Committee Meeting Minutes

21 January 2025

Present:

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

1. Apologies

Sarah Turl.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Agreed by all as correct.

3. Matters Arising

The website is ongoing as we are going to a new web host. This has been loaded and Emmy has started updating it. Members' photos need updating.

Christmas concerts went very well. The broken microphone has been replaced.

Lillian pleased with her leaving presents.

Replacement music – Eric has advised Tony that charge for each piece should be £5.

Eric to advise choir members accordingly.

Action EG

4. Correspondence

There are 27 missing next of kin and application forms. Naomi to get them up to date.

Action NH

5. Finance

Current bank balances stand at £7829, compared with £6934 at the end of November 2024.

Christmas Concert made £1100 surplus. Budget was for £500. From the draw, £229 was donated to Southampton Mission charity. Total paid to the charity following collections at Haskins and Bishops Waltham was £381.45. The two boxes of sweets purchased for Haskins were not used, so sweets kept and cost reimbursed to NMM by Sharon.

Another £575 has been paid to Tony for music purchased for Summer 2025.

The Fish and Chips payment for the Christmas concerts was less than collected, owing to a misunderstanding over pricing. In view of the small amounts affecting everyone, Gen has suggested we should leave as it is.

It has been agreed with Emmy that we do not renew our subscription with ipage but change provider, as their costs are soaring each year. It has been suggested we go with Hostinger who have a good introductory offer on, taking 83% off the cost if we sign up for 4 years.

6. Publicity

Nothing to report as Sarah absent.

7. Website and Facebook

Hostinger to be migrated in place of ipage as web host. ST brought up the point that we had discussed at a previous meeting we would include a link to Music Plus, so that we gained commission every time music was ordered through the link. JG advised it was not workable before due to a glitch in the system, but it is hopeful that it will work with the new provider.

8. Local Vocals

It was suggested by Eunice that a new start time of 2.15 pm for events will be better as the 2.00 pm start is too early for some residents to be ready. This was agreed. Fully booked up until March, there are no events planned for July due to holidays.

9. Forthcoming events

Committee members' dinner – it was discussed and agreed that this would be cancelled in favour of the usual Choir Social event.

Choir Social - Dinner at The Prince Consort for all the choir members with partners - April 12th was tentatively proposed.

Eric to check dates with all the choir and check dates with the venue.

Action EG

10. Choir welfare

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

ALL

11. AOB

Naomi to add to the choir welcome letter the point that there will be a charge of £5 for each piece of mislaid music.

Action NH

Waiting List - The maximum size of the choir is 50 members, currently we are at 49.

There are 5 basses 7 tenors 19 sops and 18 altos. Naomi has the waiting list – Pat Jenkins is on it. A request has been made by Steve Swan to rejoin the choir with his wife, and it was agreed that Steve would be invited to audition again but Debbie will have to go on the waiting list.

Chris Allison would like to come to the committee meeting on 17 March.

A Whatsapp group for retired members was discussed and it was decided not to have one.

The Maundy Thursday rehearsal on 17 April - Chris will not be present and the Methodist church is not available so we will cancel this rehearsal. Eric to inform choir.

Action EG

Chris is not available at Feb half-term 20 Feb rehearsal . EG to ask Hilary to take MD's position

Action EG

The next committee meeting date :

Tuesday 18 Feb 2025

Further meeting dates for 2025 as agreed: Monday 17 March 2025

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm