

SANDBACH CHORAL SOCIETY

Committee meeting: Tuesday 18th Jan 2022, 6pm, Wheelock

1. Present

Margaret Smith, Linda Norris, Pat Arnold, Ena Furber, Julie Barker, Frank Barker, Sandy Boyle

2. Apologies

Kelvin Leslie, Stephen Newlove, Andrew Green, Mags Daly

3. Matters arising

- a. 2 corrections to minutes of 23/11/21. Ena Furber was omitted from attendance list. Mags Daly to supply scented candles for Christmas concert raffle
- b. Recruitment. - Appeal for new members went out in U3A newsletter and in Sandbach directory. Pat expressed some concern about circulation of Sandbach directory
- c. No further information has been received about Dream of Gerontius in November
- d. No one has volunteered to do publicity. Linda will pursue publicity on town notice boards **Linda**
- e. The same team will be preparing the quiz in February (see item 4).

4. Quiz Night Feb 12th St Mary's Church Hall, Sandbach, 7pm

Posters are prepared and have been sent to members to display. Posters on card are prepared to go on to notice boards in shops etc Pat will send a list of shops to Margaret and Sandy will distribute posters. **Pat/Margaret/Sandy**

15 tables of 6 to allow for social distancing so a maximum of 90 people. Numbers to be confirmed by Tues Feb 8th. £10 a head, money to be collected on the night by one person per table and delivered to the desk with the team name. Fish and chips at £5 a head are ordered with final number to be confirmed. Teams to bring own drinks, cutlery, condiments.

Tables to be booked with Jayne Bunn via email.

Second hand book table to be run.

Margaret to ask for donations of raffle prizes. Sandy to run raffle **Margaret/ Sandy**

Bernie Davis will be quiz master. He will provide answer sheets and bring his own helpers. Bernie will receive a small fee (£30) and supper provided for him and helpers.

Doors will be open at 6.30 for setting up

5. April Concert Venue

The concert will be at St Mary's church which has been booked. Further enquiries are to be made about use of the church hall for toilet facilities, storage of coats, possible sale of refreshments and raffle tickets. Pat to enquire about cost. **Pat**

6. April Concert and fees for soloists

Pat has found a ticket printer. £11 for 150 tickets with daffodil motif, to include our own information and logo. Agreed we would use this. Tickets price £10 for all. Children free.

Margaret is exploring the use of a ticketing agency for sales. **Margaret**

The library has sold tickets in the past and Pat will make enquiries there. **Pat**

Two soloists contacted and contracts to be sent out. Stephen to provide soloists' details **Stephen**

Fee of £250 all in per soloist agreed.

Uniform will be black DJ, white shirt, black bow tie for men, all black for women.

Poster to be produced by Margaret and Linda. **Margaret/ Linda**

Programme will have poster on the front, include details of soloists, Stephen and Andrew, words of hymns for audience participation and running order. Back cover will be poster for summer concert, June 19th, Town Hall, Sandbach. **Margaret/Linda/Stephen**

Pre-concert rehearsal time 2.30 pm to be confirmed.

7. Summer Concert - content

Programme not yet confirmed. Songs from the shows suggested and we will need to investigate music hire to comply with copyright law. It may be possible to borrow music from Middlewich or Holmes Chapel. Stephen Davies to be asked about music of this type which we already own. Margaret to search out a compilation book which the choir has previously used.

Margaret/Julie/Stephen Davies

8. November concert and Nantwich Choral Society

We have not received confirmation from Nantwich that the proposed joint performance of Dream of Gerontius is going ahead. If it does not, it was proposed that we sing Haydn's Creation, the piece that will be used for singing day. Hired copies can be retained until the November concert. Final decision to be made at next committee meeting.

9. Come and Sing day

Sat Sept 3rd at Sandbach High School. Singers will work on Haydn's Creation. Soloists unlikely to be needed. Linda and Margaret to complete booking form for hall and canteen. Home-made cakes and drinks to be sold. Details to be finalised after spring concert

Margaret/Linda

10 AOB

a. Frank enquired about grant application for Singing Day. We have obtained grants in the past. We have been unable to put on concerts for over a year and as a result are in a good financial position. No grant to be applied for this year.

b. Length of rehearsal. The shorter rehearsal time seems popular with members but there is some slippage, the break in the middle seems to have become longer. We must ensure that the shorter time is used to best advantage. Margaret will discuss with Stephen

Margaret

c. Concert etiquette and choir discipline

The Christmas concert went well and was enjoyed by the audience. However, the presentation was messy. With choir members not having their music organised, not sitting and standing together etc. Margaret will produce a list of sits and stands for the spring concert, to be practised at rehearsal.

Stephen to be asked to give clear indications of these to the choir.

Margaret/Stephen

d. There was a request that the warm up should stretch the top sopranos more to ensure that their voices are well prepared.

Stephen

11. Date of next meeting

Tuesday March 1st 6pm Wheelock