

**Sandbach Choral Society**  
**Committee Meeting Tuesday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 2023**  
**Minutes**

**1. Present**

Margaret Smith, Ena Furber, Sue Powner, Kelvin Leslie, Pat Arnold, Julie Barker, Frank Barker, Cheryl Bolton, Stephen Newlove, Sandy Boyle

**2. Apologies**

Mags Daly, Peter Kwater

**3. Matters Arising**

- a) There is no suitable place to display a banner near St Peter's but one will be obtained for display on the railings of Waitrose lower carpark in Sandbach.
- b) Only 11 tables have been entered for the quiz night so far. Margaret will give another announcement tonight.
- c) Post code for St Peter's is CW11 3HU
- d) Soloists for the March concert to be reminded to submit their biographies and contact details so that their contracts can be issued.

**4. Programme update**

- a) Spring Concert 25<sup>th</sup> March St Peter's hall Elworth. Hall booked and paid for. It will be open at 1.30 for a pre concert rehearsal starting 2pm. Concert starts 7.30. Tickets printed and ready for sale from today (Feb 7<sup>th</sup>). Progress being made on the music. Posters to be distributed after the quiz night. Usual choir uniform.  
Soloists to be reminded again to send in biographies for inclusion in the programme and their postal addresses so that contracts can be completed.

**Margaret/Sue**

Peter will be using the organ for the concert. PA system required.

**Frank/Julie**

Refreshments will be wine and juice with voluntary donations. Linda Bradley to be asked to organise.

**Margaret**

Raffle to be organised

**Sandy**

- b) Summer Concert June 24<sup>th</sup> St Peter's hall Elworth. Room booked. Gilbert and Sullivan. Trial by Jury was not felt to be familiar enough for a general audience and also requires several strong male voices as soloists. Julie, Frank, Adie Smith and Sandy will look at possible alternatives to suggest to Stephen N. We have personal copies of 2 books of G&S choruses to look at. Information about these and ISBN numbers will be sent to Stephen D so that he can enquire if either can be hired. Choir dress to be decided when the music is settled

**Julie**

- c) Come and Sing day Sat Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> St Peter's. Room booked

- d) Autumn concert Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance day St Peter's. Room booked

- e) Christmas concert Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Dec St Peter's. Room booked. This will be an afternoon concert with rehearsal in the morning. Possibility of once again looking for a children's group to contribute.

**5 Folders and Labels**

Some new folders are needed. Available from Chamberlain Music at £7.50 each. Recently retired choir members to be contacted and asked to return their folders.

**Sue**

Richard Lowe has been contacted about printing labels but has not yet replied. He will be contacted again. **Frank**

## **6 Social Events**

Arrangements for quiz on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb in hand. Quiz master and room booked, quiz sheets prepared, Food to be provided by Top Of The Hill chip shop. Raffle prizes to be bought. Quiz begins at 7. Tables and chairs will need to be put out from 6.30.

## **7 AOB**

- a) A number of new singers came for a trial period but it is not clear if they will be joining the society. Sue will contact them to ask their intentions **Sue**
- b) Pat suggested that seating for rehearsal could now return to pre-covid format, a U-shape. To be tried next week
- c) Margaret announced that, after 8 years of service, she will be stepping down from chairmanship of the society in the summer before the next AGM. This will give time for a new chair to be sought. She will also announce this to the choir at rehearsal tonight.

## **8 Next Meeting**

Tues March 14<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm Wheelock. Ena Furber and Cheryl Bolton gave apologies.