

SANDBACH CHORAL SOCIETY

Minutes - committee meeting Tuesday March 1st 2022

1. Present

Margaret Smith, Linda Norris, Julie Barker, Frank Barker, Pat Arnold, Ena Furber, Mags Daly, Kelvin Leslie, Andrew Green, Stephen Newlove, Sandy Boyle

2. Apologies

None

3. Matters Arising

Margaret has investigated ticketing agencies. WGT would make no charges to us for services but would charge customers 10% on each ticket bought ie £11 for a £10 ticket. Agreed this cost was too much. Tickets will be sold at Sandbach Library, Burnells and via choir members.

4. Quiz night review

Agreed that the quiz night went well. We were two tables down as Quiz master Bernie asked for 2 tables to be reserved for friends who then also booked independently. Margaret will ask Bernie to ensure they book directly with us next time. **Margaret**

There also a few individual last minute cancellations.

90 portions of fish and chips were ordered and delivered but only 80 required on the night. Thanks to Pat, who was able to negotiate paying for 85. Cost of food had also risen. Despite this a profit of £390 was made.

Book sales were not successful and will not be repeated in future.

The raffle went well, making £208 which is included in the total profit.

Possibility of a second quiz night later in the year. Margaret to enquire with Bernie about a date in October. **Margaret**

5. April concert – Sunday 3rd April

Tickets are printed and ready for sale, posters are ready for printing. Alcohol licence has been approved. The church hall has been booked from 2pm.

We are awaiting information (and signed contract) from soloist James Berry so that the programme can be printed. Linda will follow this up. Summer concert details to be printed on the back. **Linda**
Sandy to make enquiries with Peter Jones in Holmes Chapel about programme printing **Sandy**
Raffle in interval. Sandy to organise. Will include an Easter basket. Margaret to ask choir members for donations **Sandy/Margaret**

Wine to be sold at £2.50 a glass, fruit juice at £1 a glass.

Jenny Paterson to be asked to provide glasses, and Linda Bradley to provide drinks.

Ellie Tolmie will arrange gifts for soloists, organist and conductor. **Margaret**

Plan for the day

preconcert rehearsal 2pm - 5pm approx.

choir members return to church hall 7pm

concert start 7.30pm

Interval 8.15pm approx. Wine, soft drinks and raffle tickets to be sold

Concert finishes 9.45pm approx. Choir members to take their chairs back to the church hall.

6. Summer concert – Sunday 19th June - Sunday Night is Music Night, songs from the shows.

Stephen has provided a programme, the availability of music and possible cost of hiring to be checked with St Helen's Choral Society. Julie has some copies including My Fair Lady, Oliver and Les Mis and will check for others. Final programme to be confirmed following these enquiries.

Stephen/Julie

Provisional programme

My Fair Lady – Strommen Julie has copies

Oliver! – Leyden

Moon River – Warnick

Andrew Lloyd Webber in Concert – Lojeski

Guys and Dolls – Mac Huff

Rodgers and Hammerstein on Broadway – Mac Huff

Possible extras

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

42nd Street

The possibility of making this a picnic concert was discussed. This would not be possible with the large round tables usually used by the Town Hall. Linda will check the availability of trestle tables.

About 12 to 15 trestles would be needed.

Linda

Raffle to be run

Sandy

7. November concert – no date fixed yet

Margaret has contacted Nantwich Choral Society about plans for joint choirs Dream of Gerontius and is awaiting a reply. Julie is to contact Anthony Rose to see if Ceramic City Choir is still expecting to be involved.

We have Haydn “Creation” as a backup plan.

8. Come and Sing day – Saturday 3rd September

The cost of hiring the hall and kitchen at Sandbach High School has more than doubled. St Peter’s Church Hall, Elworth has been booked. £252.20 for whole day to include use of kitchen.

Ticket will be £10 to SCS members, £15 for non-members. Home-made cakes to be sold as usual.

9. Covid procedures

As national covid rules have now been lifted our procedures need to be re-examined. Agreed that LF tests for members before meetings should continue, as should the wearing of masks when entering and leaving the room. Beyond these, mask wearing at members’ discretion. Use of LF test may need to be reconsidered should tests no longer be freely available. Margaret will amend the risk assessment

Margaret

10. AOB

a) Margaret felt that the all black uniform for women was very drab and suggested the use of a pink infinity scarf made from the old choir scarves. She brought some to show the committee and ask the choir’s opinion. Approved. Sue to be asked for the availability of old scarves. **Margaret**

b) Linda has produced a recruitment flyer to be displayed round the town.

c) Andrew has a long standing family commitment on Sept 3rd and will be unable to attend Come and Sing day. Kelvin has agreed to step in.

d) Very unfortunately, Andrew has recurrence of lymphoma. He is to have a biopsy shortly and a treatment plan will then be devised. He is unsure at present about when he will be able to attend rehearsals. He is feeling well at present. Kelvin has agreed to help with rehearsals as much as possible.

Thanks extended to Kelvin and very best wishes to Andrew

11. Next Meeting

Tuesday 26th April, 6pm, Wheelock