

## Ipswich Hospital Community Choir

### Committee meeting minutes

27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.45pm at Phil's house

The two new members, VM and SN were officially welcomed to the committee.

**Minutes of the last meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021)** The minutes were approved and accepted.

#### Membership

- **Attendance** Although visiting is currently restricted at the hospital, we will carry on with strict adherence to our risk assessment rules. These rules can be viewed by the public on our website. **PR**  
Members will be reminded of the rules by email. **IF**
- **Members who have not returned after lockdown**  
A soprano has indicated that she will return some time in the future.  
An alto will confirm by Wednesday. **FH**  
A tenor will be encouraged to return. **NC**  
A tenor is expected to sign up by next week. **PR**  
Two members who have not made contact or responded to multiple emails will be taken off the register. **SN**
- **Recruitment of tenors/basses** The choir would benefit from more tenors and basses. An ideal balance would be twenty sopranos, twenty altos, ten tenors and ten basses. There is a regular group of basses who attend but an increase in numbers would be preferable. Some tenors do not attend as regularly so their numbers are less stable.  
To gain more publicity we will contact the hospital by email after Christmas **IF**  
A new poster will be created to encourage new members, but particularly men. It will feature our logo. **FH** will share the logo with the committee.  
The poster will be designed in the next few weeks. **PR**  
A flyer, with the same information on it, could be handed out at the Kesgrave event.  
We would like to be mentioned on hospital radio. **NF**

**Musical director's report** NC is very happy with the choir's performance and we have achieved his expectations for each session so far. He would like to see more members. We will need to return to some of the unfinished pieces in the future. The next plan will be tailored towards the Kesgrave event and the hospice service.

## Finance

- **Statement of Income and Expenditure** A copy was circulated to the committee. To date, not all of the subscriptions have come in from the members. As the MD's expenses have been claimed, the statement suggests a loss but this will balance out. If we are left with a slight loss, it will be due to the fact that during the Covid lockdown we had no income but still paid the MD's fees.

## Section reports

- **Soprano** The sopranos are glad to be back and singing together after the enforced break. The new member has settled in well.
- **Alto** The altos are also pleased to be back and there has been really good attendance in that section. Again, the new member has settled in well.
- **Tenor** The attendance of this section needs to improve.
- **Bass** A good core of basses attend regularly. It was good to welcome back a past member.

## Future Events

- **Christmas Shopping and Pamper Evening 26/11** We have been asked to sing for an hour. Our programme will be Christmas biased but with some other popular songs mixed in. We will wear our blue uniform to promote the choir.
- **Light Up A Life service 19/12**  
We need to know how many carols we are expected to sing both by ourselves and with the congregation. **NC**  
This will be a more formal event and we will wear our black dresses/white shirts with the corsages and blue ties.  
The number of bow ties will need to be checked. **PR**  
The number of corsages will need to be checked. **FH**
- **Invitation from Booth Court** This will be arranged for after Christmas. **VM**
- **Singing at Ipswich Hospital Radio** It has been suggested that we record some carols in the corridor near the studio. The recording will be used on hospital radio over the Christmas period. More details are needed. **NF**

## Social Events

- **After choir gathering on 22<sup>nd</sup> December** Members are keen to meet for drinks and food in the Dove as in previous years. This needs to be arranged with the landlady. **PR**

## AOB

- There will be a section on the website for the committee so that we can access all of the choir documents. **PR**
- The new membership secretary has been trained by PR and is able to add new members to the system. She will type up her notes so that it can form part of the website manual that is being produced. **SN**
- The new events co-ordinator will receive training on the sections of the website that she will be responsible for. **PR VM**
- Two altos have suggested some songs that they would like the choir to consider learning. These have been acknowledged. Some of these may not be suitable for our choir but others will be considered. It is to be noted that there is a list of arrangements which already exist that are ready for us to start. Other new material may need to fit in with specific themes for joint projects that we may be invited to perform in.

**The next meeting will be on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7.45pm. Venue TBA.**