

## Ipswich Hospital Community Choir

### Committee meeting minutes

17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 7.45pm at Fiona's house

Apology received from PR.

AC was welcomed as a new committee member to take on the Events Co-ordinator role.

#### Minutes of the last meeting (17/08/23)

- **Approval** The minutes were approved and accepted.
- **Action updates** The large reusable cheque, for charity presentations, will be made for us. AV/CV

#### Membership

- **Attendance**
  - On the whole, attendance is good although the alto attendance can be sporadic.
  - New member packs need to include information about expectation of attendance and uniform requirements. SN
- **Future term dates**
  - Nov/Dec The rehearsal period will run from 1/11/23 – 20/12/23. The members will be invited to pay for seven sessions with the eighth session free. FH
  - Members must let reps know if they are unable to attend a rehearsal. REPS

#### Finance

- **Statement of Income and Expenditure**
  - The statement of income and expenditure was presented and discussed. We remain in a strong financial position.
  - The statement does not include NC's payments from October to December or our Making Music membership and insurance premiums.

#### Musical director's report

- NC is pleased that recent new work has been picked up quickly.
- During the next half term we will complete pieces that have already been started and tweak other pieces which are not completely accurate.
- Members must be ready to start as soon as the MD is ready. He will give a one minute warning and expect conversations to be finished. **REPS to reinforce and set example.**

#### Patron

- NC will contact her team to inform her of our major dates for next year. NC

#### Section reports

- **Soprano**
  - We have welcomed some new members.
  - A new seating plan is needed going from two rows to three.
- **Alto**
  - The new members are showing somewhat erratic attendance.
  - They are happy with the current song choices.

- New members are well supported during sessions.
- **Tenor/Bass**
- The tenor section could do with more members.
  
- **Future events**
- **Kesgrave Shopping and Pamper Evening 24/11**
  - A poll needs to take place **IF to tell PR**
  - Members will wear blues plus festive hats
- **Hospital carol concert**
  - Still no response from the chaplaincy. **AC to follow up**
- **Light Up A Life service 17/12**
  - DI shared the information from her phone call with Catherine Sheppard. **DI to make further contact.**
- **Volunteer Christmas party**
  - We have not been contacted about this event.
- **Baylam Rare Breeds Farm query**
  - This event will need a poll to judge feasibility. **PR**
  - Follow up AC
- **St Andrew's query**
  - There may be an opportunity for us to perform at this venue in the future but they are booked up until 2025.
- **Spring Concert at St Peter's 04/05**
  - NC will meet Vince Tabor and discuss ideas for a theme. **NC due to VT unavailability**
- **Suffolk Show 29-30/05 AC to contact**
- **Christmas Concert at St Peter's with the Hospital Band 07/12**

### Social Events

- **Christmas Party 2023 8/12**
  - PR will contact the venue for pricing and set up a poll. **PR**
  - We will decorate the hall as before **COMMITTEE**
  - The evening will include karaoke **PR**
  - The evening will include a Christmas quiz **DI**

### AOB

- **DG's big birthday**
  - DG will issue an invitation to his party to all of the members and their partners 24/05/24
- **Corsage shortage**
  - The usual ones are not available any more. We will order similar ones for the new members **DI**
- **Choir uniform**
  - Although we would prefer members to buy both a fleece and a polo shirt, we will just make the polo shirt compulsory due to the cost. **FH**

**The next meeting will be on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.45pm at Fiona's house.**