

## Ipswich Hospital Community Choir

### Committee meeting minutes

05/09/ 2024 7.30pm at Phil's house

#### Apology from IF

#### Minutes of the last meeting (15/07/24)

- **The minutes were approved and accepted.**
- **Action updates**
  - We will not pursue the purchase of fold back speakers at this time.
  - Long blue dress collection update – an initial email has been sent to members. This will be followed by another with a final date for collection. **AV**
- **Matters arising**
  - The backing tracks will be put on the website **NC**
  - DH will be reminded about the previous concert's videos. **FH**

#### Membership

- **Attendance**
  - The attendance for the last four weeks has not been good.
  - The alto numbers are down.
  - Individual cases were discussed.
- **Future term dates**
  - NC will not be available for one week in late October so we will carry one week's subs forward for the next term which will finish on 18/12.
  - The 2025 term will start on 8/01.

#### Finance

- **Statement of Income and Expenditure**
  - The Profit And Loss Account By Trading Figures was presented to the committee.
  - The choir account is in a good position.
  - The accounts include the subs up to October half term.
  - The donation from the private funeral, at which some members sung, is under Charity Receipt.

#### AGM

- **Chair**
  - IF has formally resigned from this role. FH is happy to put herself forward for this role. The committee expressed their full support for this change.
- **Tenor /Bass rep**
  - PR is happy to still stand although JC has expressed an informal interest in this role.
- **Treasurer**
  - There has been interest in this role but the applicant is not prepared to take on the responsibility for the uniform. As this is a job that needs to be undertaken, the committee will appeal to the members to hopefully find a "wardrobe master/mistress" to take this on as a non-committee role and to offer less frequent selling days. The new treasurer will be responsible for supervising the role. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. **DI**
- **DI** to contact JH to inform her that we are happy to accept her application for the Treasurer's role.

- **Membership Secretary**
  - SN is happy to put herself forward for re-election.
- **Paperwork to members will be sent out soon and will consist of:**
  - A reminder of the date and time of the AGM
  - This year's Chairperson report
  - Proposal to change the way that subs are paid. **DI**

### **Musical director's report**

- The rehearsal schedule may have to be changed due to the uncertainty over the new MD of the orchestra ( still to be appointed) as the concert was planned with the previous MD.
- There is a good balance of sound developing within the sopranos.
- The alto section is still unbalanced.
- NC is generally happy with the choir's progress.
- There will be no new material until after Christmas.

### **Section reports**

- **Soprano**
  - The sopranos are a strong section. The new member is a good addition.
- **Alto**
  - The section has lost three members although two may return in the future.
  - Hopefully when new members join, the imbalance between ones and twos can be resolved.
- **Tenor/Bass**
  - The back row are happy. Some of the stronger members are helping the others to be more confident.

### **Website**

- **New website host update**
  - To change over our website we need an address.
  - The committee discussed whether we need a company to run our website and agreed that we would be happy to pay a charge for this to happen.
  - PR will investigate whether Fasthost have a management company **PR**

### **Past events**

- **Live at the bandstand – KWWCC**
  - This was a fun event to take part in.
  - We received great feedback from the audience and the organisers.
  - We were offered complimentary tickets to certain KWWCC events as a thank you.
- **Private funeral**
  - Although not an official choir event, our singing was appreciated by the family who wanted to fill the church with the hymns that were loved by the deceased.
  - The family gave us a donation towards the Hospital Charity.

### **Future Events**

- **Christmas Concert at St Peter's 07/12**
  - The County Music Service may be able to help us to find a pianist to accompany us. **NC**
  - Andrew Mayhew will be contacted about flyers, tickets etc. **AC**

- **Christmas Shopping And Pamper Evening 22/11**
  - This event will follow the usual timings and arrangements as previous years.
- **Light Up A Life service 15/12**
- **Volunteers party**
- **Hospital carol service 20/12 1.30pm**
  - Polls for the above events will be put on the website **AC**
  - An events spreadsheet, that the committee can add to, will be sent to PR to be put on the Admin Only section of the website. **PR**

#### **Social Events**

- **Christmas Party 2024 13/12**
  - A poll for this will be added to the website **AC**
  - A letter will be sent to the membership. **FH**
  - PR will meet with the landlady to check the equipment that we may use. **PR**
  - There will be a Christmas themed quiz. **DI**

#### **AOB**

- A statement will be added to the starter pack for new members reminding them that a community choir is run on enthusiasm rather than technical know-how, and that musical expertise is not a requirement. This follows an inappropriate comment made to an existing member by a recently joined member. **SN**
- A reminder will be sent to the members to remind them that mobile phone scrolling during the rehearsal is not appropriate and disrespectful to the MD. **FH**
- A collection and card will be organised to thank IF for his leadership of the committee as Chairman. **DI**
- Events at Clopton Church Choir will be shared with the members. **AV**

**The next meeting will be at Phil's on 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Now changed to be held at Nick's.**