



Committee Meeting Monday 22nd October 2018

Present: Colin Cameron (Chair), Mark Evans, Bill Noblett, Ewing Wallace, Judith Neil, Christine Hunter, Julia Cross, John MacDonald.

1. Welcome and Apologies: Colin welcomed everyone and thanked the new catering team for attending. Annette Rogers and Philip Gaskell sent their apologies.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 10th September 2018 were accepted as correct (Bill Noblett).

3. Matters arising from meeting on 10th September 2018

Colin thanked Judith for arranging for flowers to be given to Moira and Kirsty to thank them for their work as the catering team over the past four years.

a) Come and Sing

Colin informed the new catering committee members that the Come and Sing event is to be held in Balfron High School, partly to recruit new choir members and also to build relationships with the school. Bill has been in touch with Greg Ratcliffe from Balfron High School to discuss a new date for the event. Greg said our suggestion of January is not possible because of school pupils' study leave. February is difficult because Strathendrick Singers have other commitments and then April-May is school exam period. Therefore, it was decided to postpone the event until September 2019 and to start planning for that date in plenty of time (June-August). Bill will let Greg know of this decision. He will also return the £500 grant to Stirling Council as it must be used within 12 months. He will then reapply for next year.

BN

b) Aran Browning collaboration

Mark will get in touch with Aran to discuss this, and John feels that it would be valuable to have a sample of the type of music Aran is proposing, before any decision to go ahead is made.

ME

c) Replacement librarian

Colin asked Ewing if he could write a job description to inform anyone interested in taking over, which Ewing agreed to do. The question of time limit for the post was raised. In fact, it is open-ended. Ewing said that we would still be able to borrow music from Dunblane Cathedral's library, although this is not very extensive. The question of copying music from publicly accessible sources was raised (as happens in the choir John attends in Italy). Mark said that these versions are not always true to the original (composer/source). It was noted that, as well as the procurement of music, Ewing also does the printing of tickets, programmes, posters etc. and these tasks will also have to be reallocated.

EW

4. Financial Report

Bill said that 16 subscriptions had so far been paid, although choir members have not yet been formally asked for payment. He will put out a letter to choir.

BN



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5. Catering Committee

Colin welcomed them to the meeting. He asked how they were proposing to operate the team and to divide up the various catering commitments. They propose to have one member attending choir committee meetings who will keep the team informed and they will divide up the tasks between them. There was some discussion about whether we should have a list of food allergies/intolerances among choir members, but it was generally felt that it is down to individuals to take responsibility for any food issues.

A quick run-down of events requiring catering was given, starting with the Christmas Concerts in Gartmore and Killearn. The Coffee Morning follows in early March, the Spring Concert in late March and the AGM, either in Spring or September (still to be decided). They will also organize/coordinate the raffle for the Killearn Christmas concert. Moira and Kirsty will be consulted for details of their roles.

Bill asked the catering committee to be sure to provide him with receipts for anything they buy.

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6. Diary Matters

a) Carol Singing at The Smiddy

We will gather at 10.30am and perform 2 sets of about 20 minutes each, with a break between. We should finish by 12 noon.

Mark will bring the keyboard and Helen Barclay has agreed to accompany us. Judith will give details to Helen and circulate a sign-up sheet to the choir. Colin will look out the list of carols sung at similar events in Killearn.

JN

CC

b) Gartmore Concert Sunday December 9th at 7pm

The Gartmore Village Hall is booked for us from 1.30pm-9.30pm and the rehearsal will run from 2.30pm-5.30pm with a break at half time. A team of choir members will be required to erect the staging (6 sections).

Choir members will be asked to take their own food for refreshments between rehearsal and concert. The catering committee will provide hot drinks for the choir and food for the soloist, string quartet, accompanist and Mark. The large room at the back of the hall will be available for the choir to use.

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We will perform the same concert as at Killearn on December 14th. There will be a baritone soloist, Daniel Barrett, and a quartet from Douglas Academy. Penny will accompany us at Gartmore, but a replacement will be needed for the Killearn Concert. Tickets will cost £10 for an adult and £3 for under-16s, and these should be available for Monday November 26th. Strathendrick Singers will provide the tickets, posters and the banner. The Gartmore Hall Committee will provide mince pies, shortbread and mulled wine for the interval. After these refreshment costs have been deducted, the ticket money will be divided 50/50 between the Gartmore Hall Committee and the choir.

Ewing will print the programme, posters and the tickets. For printing purposes he will require the programme details by Monday December 3rd and the deadline for advertisers' artwork is November 23rd. Colin will be putting together the posters and programme cover from artwork provided by Anne Parker. Christine proposed that individual village representatives be nominated to distribute the posters to avoid duplication of effort. Colin will pursue this.

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Publicity for this, and for the Killearn concert, will be placed in local papers, Parklife, The Killearn Courier and local church newsletters. The Gartmore Committee will also help with publicity. Colin and Christine Hunter are recruiting advertisers for the programme. Colin noted that it will be very difficult to recruit any extra advertisers this year, so income from advertising is unlikely to rise.

JN

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c) Killearn Concert. Friday 14th December at 7.30pm

Killearn Kirk and Halls are booked from 4.00pm-10.00pm and the rehearsal will run from 5.00pm-7.00pm.

A team of choir members is required to move staging from the Village Hall into the church. Vicky will be asked if her car can be used to help with the move. Judith will contact Joanna Donaldson from Killearn Village Hall committee to arrange access for the staging.

JN

The catering committee will provide refreshments for the soloist, quartet, accompanist and Mark between the rehearsal and the concert and they will also coordinate the provision of the interval refreshments for the audience. Bill will speak to Jenny Lunn about the provision of drinks. A list will be passed round the choir for mince pies and shortbread.

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Tickets will cost £10 and £3 for children and it was suggested that Annette be asked to handle the distribution of the tickets if Moira no longer wishes to do so.

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Programmes, posters and publicity will be as for the Gartmore concert. Judith will contact Peter Wilks for help with lighting and Anne Parker and her team for the decoration of the church. Lock Parker, Ray Davidson and Tom Renfrew will be asked if they are happy to arrange the handling of the tickets at the door of the church and to serve the drinks at the interval, as before.

JN

The raffle will be held and organized as last year when the arrangements had worked well. Alison Brown will be asked if she could recruit some Friends of the Choir to stand at each side of the church, just inside the door to hand out raffle envelopes, on which the audience can write their names and in which they can place, if they wish, £5. Choir members will be asked for donations for the raffle hampers, which the catering committee will coordinate. Lee Rooney from Endrick Trading has offered to donate a gift basket. The winners will be announced at the end of the concert.

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The choir will be asked to help with clearing up after the concert.

d) Coffee Morning. Saturday 2nd March 2019 10.00am-12noon

The church hall is booked from 9.00am to 1.00pm

e) Spring Concert. Sunday 24th March 2019 7.00pm

An extra rehearsal is planned for Saturday February 9th from 2.00pm to 5.00pm in Balfron Church Hall.

Killearn Kirk and Halls are booked for the concert from 1.00pm to 10.00pm on the 24th March.

7. AOB

John asked about the dress code for men at Christmas and was informed by Colin that the men will wear black shirts.

The committee was informed that Pat Ashworth and Judith have been contacting members who have left the choir to ensure that their choir blouses are returned (for a reimbursement of £25). We now have a few spares.

8. Date of next meeting

This will be held on Monday January 14th at 6.15pm in Balfron Church Hall.