



Committee Meeting Monday 11th March 2019

Present: Colin Cameron (Chair), Mark Evans, Judith Neil, Annette Rogers, Julia Cross

1. Welcome and Apologies: Colin welcomed everyone. Apologies had been received from Bill Noblett and Ewing Wallace

2. Minutes of the meeting on 14th January 2019 were accepted as correct.

3. Matters arising from the meeting on 14th January 2019

a) Come and Sing

Bill has repaid the £500 grant received from Stirling Council to hold an event at Balfron High School in 2018, which did not go ahead. He has now reapplied for a Community Pride Fund grant of £600 to hold the event in 2019.

We have a provisional date of Saturday 14th September 2019. This needs further discussion with Balfron High School, as does the repertoire.

There was some discussion about the kind of music we might sing. 'Songs from The Musicals' was suggested as a theme, but Mark felt that this might give a wrong impression of the choir's repertoire, and he would prefer it to be 'Popular Classics'.

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b) Aran Browning collaboration

Aran visited the choir on Monday 4th February to share his ideas about a new collaboration with us. He spoke about Padlet (an online interactive pinboard) which he has set up as a space where we can all contribute ideas and thoughts on the project. He also mentioned the Choir Community website, where pieces including a *quiet life* could be published.

c) Librarian and Secretary roles

Colin was able to tell us that Sheena McLean has kindly volunteered to take on the role of librarian when Ewing steps down.

So far, there has been no success in recruiting a new secretary.

CC

d) Coffee Morning review

This was extremely well attended and a very enjoyable event for all. It raised £964.

Many people commented that the ticket price should be higher, and it was decided to raise it to £5 next year. The income from the cake and candy stall was slightly down on last year, despite the excellent attendance. The stall sold out so it was felt that more baking should be put on the stall next year (instead of putting so much of it on the tables.) It could later be put on the tables if needed.

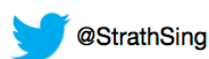
The raffle was very successful, but the book and bottle stalls less so. This should be considered for next year.

Colin commented on the great musical contributions from the choir members. It was decided that he will introduce all the various items next year (with a microphone, if possible.)

The seating arrangement worked well and the catering went smoothly.

There was some discussion about the music sung by the choir, and it was agreed that we should set aside time to rehearse over the previous couple of weeks. It was pointed out that choir members will have sheet music from several previous events, and that these could be pooled to provide a resource for future informal events and concerts. A note will be sent requesting that these be returned so they can be compiled as a folder held by each choir member.

JN



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e) Recipe Book

Annette has spoken to Philip about this. He will look into it. Although it was felt that it would not necessarily be a fundraiser, it is a nice idea which might be pursued in the future.

f) Tea Break

John has written new guidelines to help speed up the process of serving teas and clearing away at the rehearsal tea break. These are kept in the bag with the rota. Julia and Annette will try and make people aware of the changes. The use of tea towels also needs to be clarified.

JC and AR

4. Financial Report

In his absence Bill had circulated a financial report to the committee, including the coffee morning income (see attached).

He has received £1,237.95 from HMRC for Gift Aid refund.

It was decided by the committee that a donation of £300 should be given to Killearn Kirk this year for the use of the Kirk for our concerts.

With musicians from McOpera accompanying us, the orchestra cost for the concert will be £2992.59 and thanks go to Mark for getting a reduced costing. It was decided to pay the three soloists £350 each. John Gormley will be asked to play the organ.

6. Diary Matters

a) Spring Concert Sunday 24th March 2019 7.00pm The Creation

The soloists will be Monica Toll, Seumas Begg and Phil Gault. McOpera musicians will accompany us as well as John Gormley on the organ.

It will be necessary to remove the staging from the Village Hall on Saturday 23rd at 8.45am and put it into the Kirk transept. The Kirk can then be accessed from 12.30pm on Sunday 24th for the staging to be erected. Judith will put out a request for helpers for the Saturday morning. Vicky has kindly offered the use of her large car to help with the removal. The staging will be returned to the Village Hall on Monday morning.

Peter Wilks and Doug Ashworth will organize the lighting.

Lock Parker, Tom Renfrew and Ray Davidson-Carr will once again collect/sell tickets at the door and serve drinks. Bill will purchase the wine and soft drinks.

Two bouquets of flowers will be provided by Rose n'Thyme as payment in kind for their advert in the Christmas programme. These will be given to the female soloist and Penny. Christine Hunter will collect them. Colin will introduce Penny, our accompanist, who will be singing with the choir. Bill will be asked to buy gifts for the male soloists.

The choir will be asked to arrive for rehearsal at 1.45pm for a prompt 2.00pm start. There will be a break for a hot drink and the rehearsal will finish at 5.00pm. The catering committee will provide food for the orchestra, soloists and Mark, and hot drinks for the choir. Those wishing to stay in the hall will be asked to bring their own meal. The choir should return by 6.30pm.

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b) Dates for 2019

Monday September 2nd	New term starts with a short rehearsal and AGM
Monday October 14th	No rehearsal (half term holiday)
Saturday December 7th	Carol Singing at The Smiddy
Sunday December 8th	Christmas Concert Gartmore
Sunday December 15th	Christmas Concert Killearn

6. There was no other business.

7. Next meeting will be organised following the AGM on 2 September.