

## **Friends of a Handful or Harmonies**

Notes of a meeting held on 26 March 2014, 7.30pm  
at the Manor, West Deeping, PE6 9HP

***(Please note AP denotes Action Point)***

### **1. Present**

Helen Carrick (HC)

Jackie Dodds (JD)

Suzy Grigson (SG)

Rowena Sampson (RS)

Genevieve Stocker (GS)

Rachel Waterhouse (RW)

Pat Weavers (PW)

**2 Apologies** Karen Human (KH), Sue Ward (SW), Anne Welby (AW)

### **3. Community fundraising:**

Jay Allsopp attended the start of the meeting, to explain about Utility Warehouse and Community Fundraising, with the potential benefits and possible cost savings in utility bills for members who sign up to this.

100 customers would be required to provide a steady income of £100 pm and there would be a £5 enrolment payment for each person.

Benefits include bonuses with a range of shops which are deducted from the monthly bill.

There is no geographical restriction if customers were to move house away from the area.

There would be no requirement to change mobile phone numbers, just a new router for www access.

After considerable discussion, questions and answers it was agreed that FHOH would sign up, but a 'gentle' approach would be offered initially to the Show Choir members with JA to do a presentation after one of the Sunday rehearsals to be agreed with APC.

**4 Notes of previous meeting** held on 24 January 2014:

2 amendments: **(AP-RMS)**

5.1 a separate 'ledger' (not 'account'). Date/time/venue of next meeting to be recorded as originally agreed, not the subsequently altered date/time/venue. Read and accepted with these changes as a true record.

**4 Matters arising** –(please see notes below in line with agenda)

**5. Treasury matters:** Pat confirmed:

#### **5.1 Financial Status:**

£1149.11 has been raised so far this (calendar) year i.e. since January 2014, a total of £7532.48 since inception of the Friends group i.e. since May 2012. Current balance £509.84 plus income due from film quiz £53.00. Deposits for coaches for London concert and tickets have all been paid.

#### **5.2 Insurance Liability: (AP: PW)**

The Indemnity insurance document provided by Markell Insurance is effective until 05/06/14 & names transferred to PW's contact details. We are covered for performing/fund raising in multiple venues the insurance now covers our needs. PW will be scoping renewal options.

## **6. Charitable Status:**

Viv Bradford from the Stamford choir has some experience re the requirements for applying for charitable status and will be working with PW in taking this forward

We (FHOH) need to agree on definite regular date for financial year. (AP – ALL)

## **7. Bake off & Easter Fayre:**

PW is co-ordinating this event and has secured 23 stalls (18)/activities(5) which will be situated within the building. Volunteers required to supervise for games, egg painting –RW offered to do this.

We will be setting up from 10.45 with stall holders arriving from 12.45.

Pink balloons & signage to be produced and put up (AP -JD) Press release has been produced by SW and posters are on display in the local area.

HOH merchandise will also be on sale (AP-JD/APC) and it is confirmed that the Harminies will be singing. Some pitch fees will be collected £5 on day. Genevieve welcomes cake donations(AP – ALL ) Hall hire cost confirmed £60.(AP-PW)

## **8. Other events:**

Bake off (heats) have made £167 so far; thank you to reps who have been involved in organising these.

Treasure Hunt deferred possibly June/July (AP – GS)

Film Night Singalong: Rocky Horror Show provisionally 16<sup>th</sup> Aug (AP -JD)

Race Night:- Sat 13/9 in Pboro (AP -HC)

Theatre trip:- Miss Saigon has been suggested, provisionally 27th Sep (AP – JD)

Ceilidh: 18/10 Fleet, Woodston/Fletton Pboro (RMS)

Flower Quiz: during the Spring (AP – JD)

Quiz: Nov (AP – GS)

Pre -Christmas 21/12 to utilise marquee in SG's garden already erected for daughter's wedding – simple refreshments e.g. wine & mince pies? (AP - ALL except SG)

## **9. CD Update:**

Need to agree songs with APC who has suggested using fewer singers. Our costing was based on higher numbers so this needs to be discussed further. (AP – KH/ RW).

**10. London 29<sup>th</sup> June 2014: (AP: APC/JD) see 5.1 above.**

## **11. AOB**

Sue Ward is looking into sponsorship from Screwfix and Waitrose (AP - SW)

Ceilidh Rowena asked if help would be available for preparing food (AP – ALL)

AGM agreed Tue 30/09/2014 – SG offered to host at the Manor, West Deeping – thanks to SG

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

### **Date of next meeting:**

Friday 16 May 2014 – Langtoft – before rehearsal 6.15pm (Apologies from RS)