

Friends of A Handful of Harmonies

Notes from meeting held 27th March 2015 at 18.00hrs in the Committee Room in Langtoft Village Hall.

Present - Jackie Dodds (JD), Caroline West (CW), Karen Human (KH), Rachel Waterhouse (RW), Pat Weavers (PW), Genevieve Stocker (GS), Anne Welby (AW), Debby Gay (DG), June Bird (JB) representing Suzy Grigson.

Apologies – S.Grigson, H Carrick.

Notes of last meeting 23rd January 2015 – agreed and signed

Matters arising – News International. PW has been successful in securing a grant of £500 for the music stands, funding will be confirmed in the next few weeks which will purchase about 30 stands. **Action PW**

Funding for Pianos. JD raised this again as it had not been given adequate discussion time at the previous meeting. An email had been sent out earlier in the week to make the case. The constitution shows that the group aim is broad enough to support a business expense as it does meet the criteria of helping ladies to learn to sing. After some discussion PW proposed the committee fund the purchase of 2 pianos DG seconded - 6 for, 3 against and 1 abstention (HC voted via email).

London funding. The committee was advised that tickets purchased had increased to 75, at a cost of almost £2100. During the ensuing discussion, it was noted that if all performers had brought 2 tickets as instructed there were only 100 to account for of which FoAHOH had purchased 75. This would suggest that only 25 were purchased in addition to the mandatory 2 per person. Some performers had purchased more than four but not all had been able to co-ordinate with other performers. It was stated that on previous occasions the tickets had been centrally co-ordinated and all agreed this was a better system. It was agreed that the shortfall funded by FoAHOH was larger than it needed to be, but if the tickets had not been purchased the group would not have been allowed to perform. It was also agreed to discuss usage of spare tickets and how to manage ticket funding with APC when the next occasion arises.

JD asked on behalf of SG, whether the committee would reimburse APC travel costs to London, as this was not a choir related matter it was unanimously rejected.

Finance Report . PW presented the Treasurers report for 27/03/15 see below.

Charitable application. JD advised that FoAHoH possibly doesn't meet the criteria of public benefit as it is difficult to demonstrate a direct link. It has not prevented the group from working effectively so JD suggested that the application be abandoned, unanimously agreed.

Fundraising Schedule: –

St Georges. GS confirmed is going ahead even if in a smaller room. **Action GS**

Written Quizzes. PW has produced a picture quiz for the summer term. KH has one in the pipe line for the autumn term. **Action PW & KH**

Race Night. June 20th CW is organising to be held in Spalding. **Action CW**

Flower Arranging. Sue Ward is organising for July 11th. **Action SW via CW**

Kinema. DG advised the group that screenings for hire are weekends at 10.00hrs and weekdays are 18.00hrs. Perhaps consider attending a scheduled screening, My Fair Lady and Brief Encounter have been suggested. DG will keep a check for suitable films. **Action DG**

CD. This has been put on hold possibly until the autumn. **Action RW & KH**

Beautiful. GS to organise a trip in November to see the Carole King musical 'Beautiful'. **Action GS**

Quiz Night. JD will put together to have available for next occasion.

Thursford Christmas Spectacular. CW contacted the organisers, too late to organise for this year. CW will look at in Oct / Nov this year for 2016. **Action CW**

Suggestions put forward for future sing a long's are - 'Lion King' & 'Jungle Book' for the youngsters and 'Oliver' for older children & adults.

AOB.

PW asked if the choir could rehearse in a room similar to the ballet room at the Theatre Royal.

RW suggested a replacement for the existing pink flowers to be considered in due course. **Action ALL**

Meeting closed 19.05hrs.

Date of next meeting Friday 15th May 2015 at 18.00hrs.

TREASURER REPORT

27/03/2015

Balance of account as of 27/03/2015	£2,468.56
Funds raised 01/01/2015 to 27/03/2015	£2, 992.68

Thank you to the organisers of the fundraising events and to everyone who has supported them.

Mrs Pat Weavers
FoAHOH Treasurer