

Friends of A Handful of Harmonies

Notes of meeting held 15th May 2015 at 18.00 hrs in the Committee Room in Langtoft Village Hall.

Present – Jackie Dodds (JD) {chair}, Debby Gay (DG), Suzy Grigson (SG), Genevieve Stocker(GS), Sue Ward (SW) ,(representing Caroline West), Rachel Waterhouse (RW), Pat Weavers (PW), Anne Welby (AW).

In Attendance - Andrew Clingo (AC)

Apologies – H Carrick, K Human, C West

Notes of last meeting 27th March 2015 – agreed and signed.

Matters arising – PW has received further correspondence from News International and needs to complete additional paperwork in respect of this. **Action PW**

The pianos have been purchased and are being used; the spare stool raised £20.

SG raised concerns that the committee had not been consulted regarding a letter sent to AC by the three officers. JD circulated copies of the letter which were highlighted to show that the letter was not sent on behalf of the whole group. PW explained the background - as recorded in the notes for November 2014, it had been agreed between AC and the officers that empty seats on the choir coach would be filled by guests and the funds generated would be paid to FoAHOH. When PW followed this up she was advised by Sharon Hall that no funds had been raised as no seats had been sold. The officers felt that further clarification was needed as to why seats weren't sold as this agreement was in effect a contract.

PW explained she sees her role as being transparent regarding payments received and paid out; ensuring a clear audit trail exists to explain why expected funds were not received. Everyone present agreed that PW was doing a very good job as treasurer and they have every faith in her and her procedures. DG was concerned about the effect the letter had upon Sharon (AC sent her a copy for comments on how to respond) particularly after all her hard work managing all 4 coaches, DG and SG suggested that in their opinion the letter was very harsh and that surely the matter could have been dealt with face to face.

AC agreed that transparency was essential. He was however very disappointed at being communicated to in such a formal way. AC stated that in his opinion the letter should have been sent to all the committee; he was concerned regarding the tone and he sent it out to the committee himself. JD advised that the line of communication between AC and FoAHOH is through the chair. He should have asked the Chair to send out the letter and should not have communicated directly. All present agreed that a letter of apology would be sent to Sharon by the three officers and a copy sent to AC. PW told the meeting in future she would ensure all enquiries are made in her own name not as FoAHOH.

Action JD PW and GS

AC left the meeting.

Finance Report – PW presented the Treasurers report for 15/05/15 see below.

Review of the Constitution - JD explained why the constitution is being revised, draft copies had been circulated to all committee members and they were asked to review and feedback by the end of June so that this may be agreed at the next meeting so it can be presented to the incoming committee at the AGM. **Action All**

Fundraising Schedule

Written Quiz – PW will print some more copies to take to Show Choir. **Action PW**

Race Night – 20th June SW advised that tickets for the race night have been given to all reps, some horses are still available to sponsor. **Action All**

Flower Arranging - 11th July SW also told members that the posters for the flower arranging are ready and she is hoping that non choir members will be encouraged to attend. **Action All**

Kinema in the Woods– DG will continue to monitor films that are being scheduled, with the intention of arranging a future visit. **Action DG**

CD – RW and KH are meeting with APC on Sunday after Show Choir to discuss. **Action KH RW and APC**

Beautiful – GS advised that 48 out of 50 tickets have been sold, she will send the cheques to PW as soon as possible. **Action GS**

Quiz night – JD will compile during the next few weeks **Action JD**

Chase the Ace – this has not taken place at the last 2 Show Choir sessions and has not proved to be very popular. It was agreed to let it run to conclusion but not to continue. Suggestions for replacing it were, a wine raffle at weekly sessions and a 100 club. Reps were asked to explore the raffle option within their respective groups. **Action Reps**

PW suggested a wine tasting event, she will make enquiries. **Action PW**

AOB

PW advised that in order to make payments by BACS on line, we require a card reader and card, to pay in branch costs £23 per transaction.

If the committee agrees then the constitution should be amended to include “ When a BACS transfer is initiated, the Chair or Secretary must confirm in writing via email that they agree to the payment being made, The current Treasurer should be custodian of card reader & card”. PW proposed we apply for a card and reader, and that PW is the custodian of this; RW seconded, agreed unanimously.

JD read out an email from AC, "Could you take my huge thanks to the next meeting for the support for Drury Lane, the pianos and the continued sterling support of the Choir. Well done all."

Date of next meeting Friday 10th July 2015 at 18.00hrs, Committee Room LVH.

TREASURER REPORT

15/05/2015

Balance of account as of 15/05/2015 £1605.01credit

Funds raised 28/03/2015 - 15/05/ 2015 £ 557.01

Fundraising events: Stamford Arts Centre concert; Burns and St Georges Suppers; Frozen sing a long; CD orders; Chase the Ace games; Donations; Quiz sheets.

Outgoings: Hall hire; Drury Lane coach; Drury Lane tickets; Piano's

Thank you to the organisers of fund raising events and to everyone who continues to support these events.

Mrs P Weavers

Treasurer FOAHOH