

Friends of A Handful of Harmonies
Meeting held on 24th April 2017 at 18.30hrs
At the Red Hall Bourne.

1. **Present** – Jackie Dodds (JD), Marie Josée Green (MJG), Christine Sharman (CS), Genevieve Stocker (GS), Caroline West (CW)
2. **Apologies** - Rachel Waterhouse (RW), Pat Weavers (PW)
3. **Notes of last meeting 17th February 2017** – Agreed and signed.
4. **Matters arising** –
RW in her apologies offered to mention the vacancy at Langtoft.
Thurlby Methodist Church Hall has been booked for the AGM.
5. **Voting discussion** – JD introduced this item by saying that members occasionally qualify their votes with an explanation, which sometimes appears to be inconsistent with previous voting. A document had been circulated with the agenda which described the range of views and in order to try understand more clearly JD had posed some questions to lead the discussion. RW and PW had both sent in email replies to the questions which were included as follows:-
 - a) **Affordability for Choir members** – All present agreed this is not relevant, RW had made the point that performances etc. are optional and that we should subsidise rather than fund everything. This had been partly covered in a discussion at a previous meeting.
 - b) **What is the difference between choir business and a performance opportunity for choir members** – There are varying views on this; some felt that the business is the weekly sessions that members pay for which covers choir director (APC) time, venue hire and materials. Others felt that performances generally promote the business, but charity performances should be viewed differently. Some committee members had questioned paying for APC rehearsal time – the alternative being that the choir members should pay. It was pointed out that the previous year FoAHOH paid £300 for additional rehearsal time to learn new techniques. Performances do represent added value to choir members and are not part of the core business. JD will speak to APC and report to the next meeting. **JD**
 - c) **Who should benefit?** Choir members should be the beneficiaries of funding raised to subsidise choir activities, whether it is performing or equipment used in sessions.
 - d) **Should we consider funding only when necessary and how would we decide** – The committee had previously agreed that for transport and workshops the baseline would be 50%. Other requests should continue to be judged against the group remit. The current method of deciding works. RW proposed that when voting via email this should be open and transparent. It was agreed that requests will be sent to all addresses to enable a “reply all” but that if members wished to reply only to the Chair then that was still an option.

It was also agreed that any funding requests submitted by email would be noted at the following meeting. JD also offered to produce a report of voting to date for completeness. **JD**
6. **Gospel Workshop** – CW and Sue Ward will run the Pink Tombola; PW and GS are organising refreshments. APC will supply piano and sound system. JD has requested the song list. It has been agreed that AHOH will sing “Feel Good” at the beginning of the workshop.

7. Amendments to the Constitution - There are two proposed amendments, one had been circulated with the notes of the previous meeting and the other was tabled.
Clause 4 'Management' – the following to be added after officers of the Committee are listed.
"membership will be elected to ensure representation across all choir groups; with other members covering areas where there are vacancies as the need arises."

Clause 10 'Dissolution of the Group' – "The time frame for dealing with all assets and closing of all FOAHOH accounts will be no greater than 30 days from the date of dissolution meeting. Final accounts will be prepared showing a nil balance and will be approved and passed at the final committee meeting".

CW proposed acceptance of both amendments, CS seconded, agreed unanimously. **PW**

8. Facebook pages – JD asked for a volunteer to take over managing the page and group, add photos and updates to keep this current. **All**

9. Treasurers report – GS read the finance report prepared by PW. See below.

10. Fundraising update –

Wine raffle - CS advised that the first one raised £8, the second one just covered costs. It was decided that representatives should use discretion in their group and hold one/two raffles per term.

Line dancing 13th May– MJG advised that 28 tickets have been sold, a request for raffle would be circulated and all going to plan. **MJG**

Quiz night – GS confirmed the quiz will be held on 8th July at Langtoft Village Hall. **GS**

Summer quiz sheets – CS has printed and distributed the quiz sheet. **CS**

Race night – JD confirmed that this would now on be 23rd September. **JD**

Christmas CD - There was no update as RW was not at the meeting. **RW**

11. AOB – None

Meeting closed at 19.25hrs.

Date of next meeting 7th July 2017

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**INTERIM TREASURERS
REPORT
24/04/2017**

Balance of account: £2785.95

Funds raised 18/02/2017 to 24/04/2017

Fund raising events: £357.19

- Gospel payment £268.00
- Easyfundraising £53.19
- Winter quiz £19.00
- Calendar £12.00
- Wine raffle £5.00

Outgoings: £156.50

- Gospel hall hire £76.00
- Blake hall hire £40.00
- LVHMC hall hire £18.00
- 100 club prize £22.50

Funds approved and awaiting payment:

- Gospel workshop: £1124
- Blake rehearsal: £356

Actual working balance: £1305.95

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

Mrs Pat Weavers

FoAHOH Treasurer