

Manchester Community Choir Committee Meeting

17/10/19 7:30 – 9:30PM

Chorlton Library

Present: Margaret, Tudor, Steve, Lizzie, Peter, Annie, Dorothy, Jo, Carolyn & Rose

1. Welcome to Rose

2. Future Events

- **Winter concert** – to date 59 people signed up but people may be paying on the day @ the door. There followed a discussion about how best to position the choir possibly a horseshoe

Margaret suggested MCC members wear antlers @ the concert. They are cheap and cheerful. She will make an announcement @ next rehearsal re same.

- **Stockport Fair Trade Fair** – no news
- **Winter Extravaganza** – meet 9:45 warm up start @ 10:00am. There is a suggestion MCC uses the stairs. Rose to meet Lizzie for a tour and then make her decisions re space & stairs. The set is 30/40 mins
- **Manchester Craft & Design Centre** – discussion about numbers signed up to sing and the singing and rehearsal space.

Because of the limited space suggestions were made about first come first serve on the signup sheet or that MCC sing 2 sets to accommodate all the singers

Possibly find an alternative rehearsal space (Band on the Wall or a local pub).

Jo won't be there on the day Margaret will take over

Pop Up Banner

Photographer

Leaflets about upcoming events & up to date photo (£70 approx) Peter

- **Llangollen** – MCC in non-competitive section, deadline for application 25/11 will cost £100 non-refundable. Suggestion that MCC busk @ war memorial

3. Invitation to sing @ Whitworth – not this year too short notice. Jo to contact

4. Members' Suggestions

- Could members be stretched more e.g. @ warm up & range of exercises
- Less positive feedback would welcome criticism
- More vocal warm up
- Use more practice tracks (members)
- Depth not width - more evenly distributed seating may enable members to see Rose more easily
- Discussion about new members paying for a term initially then committing to a year's fee. Agreed can only be done exceptionally by agreement with treasurer.
- When asked by Tudor, Rose said she was fine with people saying "we don't do the song like that"
- Practice tracks are copyright & need to be paid for if other MDs wish to use them.

5. Choir Parts

- Rose is fine with the numbers in the different singing sections of the choir
- Blending always needs to be mentioned
- Rose has plans to allow people to practice different ranges

Rose's suggestions for future events

- BBC Music Day Sept 2020 Rose to find out more
- Sing for Water NW
- Gorton Monastery (GM)– Tudor to find email trail for GM & ask about singing opportunities

6. Fire Drill – Margaret to make an announcement at a future rehearsal

7. AGM

- Carbon copy of last year
- Send out annual reports from Chair, Treasurer & MD beforehand
- Proposal to make changes to the terminology in the constitution – Steve, as treasurer, to write to the Charity Commission if this is passed.
- Email MCC before the 3/11 rehearsal about how the AGM works and nominating trustees for the committee Tudor

8. Draft minutes

- Peter's amendments approved.

Matters arising – use the video of MCC singing on the front page of the website

9. Treasurer's Report

- See report in Drop Box
- There are 4 signatories to the bank account – Jo, Steve, Tudor & Margaret

Progress Report: -

- one person is still interested in becoming treasurer. Steve to email encouragement & reassurance

10. Street Choirs Festival

- Steve & Peter will prepare the accounts in the Charity Commission format
- Keep back £250 from SCF until everything done – just in case
- Peter has emailed Pocklington but had no response As yet

11. Membership – people are still asking

12. AOB

- Agreed to buy a gift token for Melissa Gunn, with thanks for time and expertise (photos)
- Agreed to amend August minutes to reflect thanks that were given to Laraine at that meeting.

Next committee meeting 21/11/19

7:30 -9:30PM

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