

MGS Committee meeting Monday 12th May at 8pm

Present- Tim, Sian, Maureen, Jean, Jane, Hans, Paul, Jo, Heather, Kathy

1. Sharing of membership database

We learnt from a recent, last-minute cancellation of Gospel singing that more than one person needs to have access to the list of members. Sian will send out a link to the data base to all committee members for use in an emergency when Sian is unavailable. TIM to liaise with SIAN on how to do this.

2. Fees from September

Maureen informed us that numbers are holding steady at about 35.

At the moment, under Jo's leadership the cost per 10 week term is £1310. (£100per session for Jo, £30 for hall hire and £10 per term for refreshments)

Under Freya, this will rise to £1810.

Therefore, assuming a membership of 30, we would more or less break even, if the termly subscription is increased to £60

This does not take into account any venue hire for concerts which would have to come out of donations.

It was agreed to increase the termly subscription to £60 with Maureen retaining the option to reduce this in special cases eg illness but not for holidays.

This will have to be reviewed if the number of members shrinks but it was felt a termly subscription of more than £60 may deter some people.

MAUREEN will monitor this

3. May Fair concert

Total profit was £346.57 to be given to the May Fair.

Bar took £357. Bar expenses for drinks and licence were £216.10. Jean's expenses £11.92

Donations in buckets £217.59

4. Autumn term dates

Start at MARS pavilion on 25th September, finish on 4th December with a week break at half term.

TIM to liaise with Freya

5. RNLI concert in November in St George's

TIM to liaise with Freya and organisers

6. Nominations to the Committee and to undertake specific tasks.

Our constitution states that the committee is to have between 3 and 9 members and shall comprise chair, vice-chair, treasurer, membership secretary, publicity officer and secretary. It was agreed to remove publicity officer from the committee but to recruit other members to carry out specific tasks eg. publicity, web site, venue organiser.

7. AGM draft agenda

AGM to be held on 19th June at 7.30. TIM to briefly flag it up next Thursday , May 22nd

TIM to liaise with KATHY to produce agenda to send out to members

- Consideration of a report on MGS's activities during the preceding year (produced by TIM) Mention to be made of shortage of men and how to encourage more.
- Consideration of the annual accounts (produced by MAUREEN)
- Election of committee members for the following year
- Amendments to the constitution – deletion of Publicity Officer from list of officers

8. Any lessons from May Fair concert?

Lots of jobs to be done before concerts so should we consider a checklist of who does what, not just committee members?

Eg Publicity/personal invites/sound/lighting/lay out/staging/looking after audience/bar/clearing up

9.Handover to Freya

July 3rd JO and HEATHER to meet with Freya. Discussion about what percentage of repertoire should be gospel/African/ pop etc. Also a list of old songs we want to continue with. A termly core of music has been useful, especially on website.

10. Jo and Peter have invited the choir to a party at their home on 3rd July or the previous week , depending on weather.

Jo also shared how useful Ashleigh has been as her “assistant” this year and hoped she would continue this role for Freya