

NEW DIMENSION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

29TH August 2019

Those Present: Jackie Glendenning, Wendy White, Carol Chester, Barbara Austin, Clare Goldspink, Enid Weaver

Apologies from John Pugh

Jackie welcomed the committee and explained although John wasn't present, he had confirmed that he had sorted all the music for the current term and that he had also created a seating plan.

New member Julie Berry in 2nds will be seated between Margaret Palmer and Liz Rimmel.

Carol will give our Room Hire Rental cheque, in John's absence, to Kathryn Myers.

Cheque for storage has been paid to St. Augustine's and it was confirmed by Wendy that we still have enough storage facility there for approx. 1-2 years. It was noted that we do have a storage cupboard in the Family Centre should we need it. **We will need to buy a padlock.** As we are using Xmas Music books that are quite heavy it was suggested anyone not able to carry the books to and from rehearsals could store them in the family centre cupboard. Anyone wishing to should speak to Wendy.

Wendy requested to arrive on 3rd September at 7.0 and **Jackie agreed to be there to let her in.**

Wendy collected the music that was handed in at Top Meadow. She will advise if any copies are missing

Gill and Carmel are both planning on returning to choir. They have both requested that perhaps Jackie can do a quick welcome back but then they would both like to just sing and not have to answer loads of questions.

Barbara is going to email members and explain this

It was confirmed that from this term (except for very brief announcements) we would start rehearsals 7.45 sharp and would leave announcements until after the break which will also give our voices a little longer to recover.

Enid was very happy with the choir's performances at the Summer Concerts. Thanks went to Clare for sorting the money quickly as giving the cheques at the concert worked very well. Enid had worked out rough percentages of attendance of choir members at concerts and commented there was quite a substantial drop in numbers at some church's numbers, particularly St. Chads.

Friday 28th June Harold Wood Methodist – 84%

Saturday 29th June St. Chads – 75%

Saturday 5th July All Saints – 93%

Sunday 6th July United Reformed 98%

We will look at numbers and days of the weeks and see if some churches work better on certain days than others. **It was suggested that the choir were asked for a show of hands which days they prefer us to hold concerts. Jackie will do this in a few weeks.**

Wendy made a request for Barbara not to book St. Chads on a Friday as it's difficult to people who work to get there on time.

It was agreed that not having a Friday on both weekends worked for people working. Having a daytime concert was discussed as some elderly people don't like coming out in the dark, but it was pointed out that it would be dark quite early. No decision was made at this point as this year's concert dates are already booked.

John was commended (in his absence) for a sterling job with his introductions, and particularly the handling of the very sensitive explanation of our donations to Jodie. **Jackie to bring the family's beautiful thankyou card to rehearsal for those who haven't seen it.**

Carol informed that as we had £3,300 in the bank so we could continue to keep subs at £30 per term. She mentioned that Barclaycard had a new security system for card purchases and therefore any future music purchases would have to be done jointly between Carol and Wendy. We took £1465 in Summer Concert ticket sales and donated £742 in total to the four churches who hosted us. All Saints have sent a thankyou letter and said we are welcome at any time.

For those going to the afternoon tea we will be singing a song from our Xmas Concert programme ...Do You Hear What I Hear. The venue has offered to post a video of us singing on their website and advertise our Xmas Concerts. As not all members will be there John is taking the recording taken from a previous concert so we can sing over it. Most members will have sung this

piece twice previously so Enid has agreed we can have a quick run through and sing it at some point before 22nd September.

Enid also pointed out that as we only have 12 rehearsals before Xmas Concerts and we have 7-8 new songs, we should book a Sunday extra rehearsal. The 24th November 2-4 pm was agreed, and we will ask John to see if the hall is available. We would also like John to check if the broken strip lighting has been sorted.

Jackie will purchase a paper towel roll for choir use and store in Clare's cupboard.

Barbara and Carol looked into several venues during the holidays for a Christmas Social. Some had very limited menu, wanted over £200 for hall hire, were already fully booked, or unsuitable entertainment and one even wanted £150 for bouncers! It was decided by the committee that the one most suitable for us was Top Meadow Restaurant on 18th December 8.0 sit down £30. Lovely 3 course meal with entertainment/dancing.

The venue is currently holding 35 seats, and Carol will need to pay a £10 per head deposit by mid-September. Barbara to clarify the latest date payment is needed as choir members have lots to pay out for in September.

Clare will be doing our concert leaflet drop 1st weekend in November.

Next Committee Meeting at Carols - 35 Helmsdale Road RM1 4DW
Wednesday 13th November