

MINUTES OF GOSPEL PHONICS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10TH SEPTEMBER 2019

PRESENT Ruth Taylor
 Margaret Harding
 Jane Coulter
 Wendy Collins
 Mary Tuffley
 Gemma Nichols
 Charles Stuart

1. APOLOGIES

All Committee Members were in attendance.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were discussed and it was agreed that there were no outstanding items.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Jane confirmed that the financial situation at the present time was reasonably healthy and that the bank account remains in credit. It was therefore decided by the Committee that no increase in fees was necessary for the coming term.

4. MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Margaret confirmed that we have 36 members on the Database which is the lowest for some time. This is partly due to having to streamline the Database in line with Data Protection requirements, in effect removing members who have not attended for 6 months or longer. In addition, several members have left for varying reasons. During the last year 10 new people came for a trial, 7 of whom joined but 5 have subsequently left.

Taking all of the above into account, the average attendance for last term was 26 members per week.

5. WEB ACTIVITY/REPORT

Charles confirmed that the Website Activity was reasonable and the site provided useful information for current members as well as promoting the choir for the purpose of recruiting new members. With regard to the Facebook Activity, it was felt that a short survey of members should be carried out to see how many people actually used this facility in order to determine if it was worth continuing with the Facebook page. Charles/Ruth will organise this.

6. UPCOMING EVENTS

We have two concerts arranged for next term, Inskip on Wednesday 6th November and Southampton General Hospital on Tuesday, 10th December, full details will be provided in due course.

We have also been asked by Mary Williams to sing for the Fair Oak Women's Institute for a special celebration on Wednesday 26th February 2020. Gemma will confirm whether this is possible.

7. CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENT IDEAS

After much discussion it was decided that Wendy would look into two ideas, namely Big Band Xmas Spectacular at Highcliffe Castle on 10th/11th/12th December and also Abba Gold at Southampton Guildhall on 19th December, further details to follow.

8. WORDS/MUSIC

A choir member has requested that we be informed of what words/music to bring before rehearsals as it was difficult to bring all old words every week. Gemma confirmed that it was not necessary to bring all words every week and that if we "revisit" an old song, she will always provide further copies for those who do not have the words with them.

9. PROFESSIONAL LOOKING BANNER

After discussion it was agreed that it was a good idea to have a professional looking banner to display when we are in a public place. Mary Tuffley will look into the cost of what is available and report back.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 It was generally thought that we should try to confirm numbers for concerts in advance to ensure that sufficient people were available. Charles will look into a way of doing this and report back.
- 10.2 All Committee Members have agreed to re-stand for election.
- 10.3 The date of the next meeting to be confirmed.