

## **BOS Steering Group Meeting - Monday 15 February 2016**

Present: Gill U, Anna, Cathy, Gill D, Kate, Carol, Deena, Kate, Gill M

Minutes of last meeting: Approved

Cathy had talked with the woman doing the MA project – she seemed to be put off by the email, she seemed to be more interested in Purple Cats. She thought that it may be a bigger project with BOS and she was put off. Take forward: assume no news is no news unless she re-emerges.

Golden oldies – Wednesday 16 March - send an email to send past BOS members, sing through songs that people know; people should let us know if they are going to come.

Brief updates:

- Membership – Gill U doing the website. Gill M will add and remove members from Yahoo group. Events and mailing list can be set up by individual members. Gill U to send the notes for doing.
- Consolidation of new members – Gill Moore. If there are queries, send to Kate to IAG.
- Anna stepping down today, but staying without portfolio.
- Waiting list – full at the moment and we may have places in September if enquirers are still interested.

Attendance

Good at most sessions.

Socials

Good – the Barn maybe one day in the daytime, Renate to speak to Lesley regarding arranging this.

Finances

We are in good shape and there are 10/11 more members so more subs are coming in.

**Laurieston** – Kate's fee, BOS's fee, Yvonne's fee £300 + travel + £90

Most folk are ok with paying the above fees and splitting the costs which will include £35 for travel as a pool.

Discussion took place about the cost of Yvonne's fee and whether this should be split amongst the women going to Laurieston and this was agreed.

It was agreed that for future weekends away at Laurieston or Lockerbrook that:

- BOS funds to subsidise to a degree.
- Principle and choice and view for our future expenditure and put to the group.
- Cathy to have a chat with Lisa about the cost implications.

Moving to a self-financing situation will be transitional.

**IWD** - We have ended up booking two rooms in the junior school, the room we meet in and the portioned off area are insured only for 60 people, plus another room which would seat 60 people. It's quite expensive - £360 altogether. We agreed to try and cut cost by just using the one room.

Discussion took place about this cost but it was agreed that we would stay with this venue on this occasion as it was too late in the day to try and re-arrange.

**Workshop on looking after our ageing voices** – Nicola Harrison talking about £50 pp for a three hour workshop, so she is maybe not the person we want to go with. Keep some money available for this.

#### Street Choirs – Leicester 24-26 June

Gill Upham to send an email around and ask if there is enough interest in participating. The theme is solidarity and diversity.

#### IWD – BOS, Sage, Karen Women, The Bints, poetry

- The above will be performing at the event
- Two halves of entertainment, party food
- Women only event
- Venue , insurance issues, cancel the other room (to cut costs) NVPN insurance could be covering the insurance – email insurance company - Gill U to check
- BOS funds to cover the cost of the venue
- Ask if we could put food on the counter – Cathy to investigate and book room, what we are allowed to do and not.
- Invitation and not a flyer – Cathy taking bookings.

#### Looking after our voices

Running item as a group who appear to be ageing – so many aspects of approaching it, folk in Sheffield, we keep going.

Suggested workshops leaders:

- Pauline Down – member of the network, she will get back to us
- Jules Gibb – older people in Manchester
- Kate Howard – possibility

Would be good for group CPD and beneficial for all the group, possible outreach folk too Cathy to explore further or anyone else to.

#### Any other Business

Item 1 of next agenda: 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday January 2017 – BOS

Meeting dates: 6 April – 6.15pm at Urban Choola.

AGM – 29 June 7pm