

## **Minutes of Steering Group Meeting – June 25<sup>th</sup> 2014**

1- Apologies – Deena, Gill.

2 - Feedback:

This is the only item on the agenda, and comes from the fact that two BOS members have expressed concern that two of the songs that Kate teaches have a religious content which causes them to feel uncomfortable about singing them.

We agreed that we need a process which enables all of us to give feedback about anything to do with BOS both positive and negative.

Penny suggested we have a book that we keep with the tea things and in which anyone can put suggestions, concerns etc. Whoever writes in the book would sign and date their entry.

A member of the Steering Group would check the book each week and, when appropriate, bring the matter to the attention of the whole group during the announcement slot. Hopefully this will mean that everyone will have a voice when decisions need to be made and there is a degree of transparency about the process.

We agreed to review after a year to see if the process works. We also agreed to take this to the AGM under AOB for approval from the whole group.

Renate offered to be "the Keeper of the Book" for the first year - this was agreed.

We discussed the issue of how songs are chosen. We agreed that we prefer how things are done at the moment - that is, Kate mainly chooses the songs we sing and occasionally other women suggest a song they think we would all like. Kate said she finds it easier to teach songs which she enjoys.

We agreed that the current way of doing things works well, that we accept that there will always be songs that some of us don't like but, because most women do and for the good of the group as a whole, we simply get on and sing them.

However, if a number of women feel that they can't sing something because it goes against their beliefs, then that is more difficult than not liking a song. We agreed therefore, that Therese would write to the whole group and ask if there any others who share this particular concern. Once we have this information we can make a final decision about what should happen next.