

BODY OF SOUND STEERING GROUP MEETING

7.45pm, Wed 27th August 2014

First meeting of the new Steering Group held at Carol's house, 62 Bannercross Road

Present: Carol, Cathy, Deena, Therese (as hand-over to Carol), Penny (minutes)

Apologies: Renate, Gill, Ana. (Kate not in attendance tonight)

1. Minutes of the last meeting

Therese had read them and confirmed as a correct record. No matters outstanding.

2. The possible religious content of some of the songs Kate teaches

Since some people have expressed discomfort about some of the words in the song 'Lewis', Kate has decided to drop this from our repertoire and the Steering Group supports her in this. However, this is the only named song we have had complaints about and as Kate is already sensitive to these issues, we will take it on a song by song basis.

In future, if anyone has any worries, queries or comments, they can go in the feedback book to be considered by the SG.

3. Premises

We have received a letter from Horizon informing us that, after much consideration, they will be closing the church and its building during 2015. Our present contract will only run until July 2015. After that we will need to find new premises by the autumn term of 2015. Looking for suitable new premises is a big task and Deena has offered to put together some criteria and then lead a small working party to research the subject. Cathy has also offered help. We will let the membership know.

4. Fees

With the current projected expenditure there is no need to increase the fees. However, this may change next year if new premises cost a lot more.

5. Donation to Gaza

We had been told of a 'Double-your-money' scheme for making charitable donations to Gaza and this had a deadline, so it had been suggested that we anticipated donations to the next clothes swap and sent off a donation in advance. After discussion around this issue, we decided that this was outside the scope of the SG. We would have the clothes swap as usual and then the whole membership could decide where the money should go, in the usual way.

6. Gigs

Kate had suggested that we should confine ourselves to the October busking slot and not have other gigs in this autumn term, in order to allow new women to learn some of our songs and feel more integrated before we start performing. The Steering Group agreed with this.

We have been contacted by Devonshire Green Community Markets to see if we would like to do a gig there and we will not take up their offer this term but might in the future. The dates of the next ones are 27th Sept and 25th Oct, so it would be good to check them out before committing ourselves.

7. Website training

To continue with this at another time.

8. Any other business

A reminder to welcome new members and to explain BOS affairs to them.

A suggestion that the SG wear name badges for the first 2 weeks so people know they can approach us with any queries.

Penny Allen 30.08.14