

BOS STEERING GROUP MINUTES - Wednesday 8 July 2015

PRESENT: Cathy (Chair), Anna, Renate, Gill Dean, Kate

APOLOGIES: Carol, Gill Upham, Deena

Matters Arising from Minutes of 10 June 2015

Welcome letter had been agreed.

A voice recorder had been given to Carol. This was gratefully received. Minutes were approved.

Active Recruitment & Joining process and principles

- It was agreed that Kate would email the group and compile a list of where we were to actively recruit new members. The group agreed we don't want to just scatter all over; we need to be more strategic as to where to advertise.
- We agreed that the flyer could be emailed around our networks.
- It was agreed that when someone contacted Kate (whose number and details are on the flyer) that she would send them the guiding principles and welcome letter to see if they would still be interested.
- Kate would then say to them that they would be on a list and we would expect them to attend on 8 September but if their circumstances change could they please let us know.
- We would not charge new women for the first three weeks of attendance. If they have attended after the 2nd week it is assumed that they will be joining and then we will collect the fees for the whole of the term.
- New members will be on a first come first served basis and Kate will compile a chronological list of enquiries – we are going to accept a maximum of 20 women.
- It was agreed that we would contact members nearer the start of term to make them aware of how many new members we could potentially have. Kate to do this at the end of August.

Golden Oldies Evening

It was agreed that if we were not working towards a performance in a particular term that we would have an evening of opening up to old BOS members. Kate to identify a date and then Gill Upham to let them know this. Gill Dean to forward list of ex-members to Gill Upham so she can keep with other membership list.

Kate's Training and Supervision

Kate does not require the use of the £500 supervision budget so it was agreed by the Steering Group that we would make this money available as a learning support budget (ie Braille for songs for Carol or any other expenditure that may be needed for members of the group.) Discussion took place about a Facebook page for BOS, and it was agreed that a general discussion would be needed within the group before anything is action.

Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is provisionally to be Friday 18 September which would be a meal (as this was agreed at a previous Steering Group that once a year the group would do this). The date and place are yet to be confirmed.