

BOS Steering Group Meeting - Wednesday 19th October

Present: Gill Moore, Gill Dean, Gill Upham, Kate, Jenny, Izzy, Cathy, Steph, Wendy, Carol Pickering, Heather

Apologies – None

Minutes agreed

BOS Funding Policy - agreed that discussion will be ongoing as not enough time at the AGM. Regarding funding Cathy will re-circulate an email and if any issues arise from that people are to contact Cathy or Carol Pickering. If no issues arise funding will go ahead. Cathy will let the choir know that the email will be re-circulated.

Kate's contract – to be revised every April to go up with inflation. Need to check when the current rate was set. The AGM and Kate's contract to be in line with starting each new academic year in the future.

Membership – Very good! Currently have 49 people on the email list. 45 people are currently paying – Cathy. 42 people are attending – Kate. Kate and Cathy will verify numbers. 3 people are on the waiting list. Gill Moore will pass on the email addresses to Gill Upham, who will put them on the member's area of the website.

Social Programme – List of ex-members to be asked if they want to be invited to special events.

£135 was collected from the clothes swap – ideas to be suggested for what to do with the money. Heather to put round options and get feedback for 2 or 3 charities to be chosen.

Last BOS before Christmas, 7th December. Bring a dish from 6 onwards then singing at usual time. Cathy to book the room for the extra time.

Could we have a list of events to go on the website? Gill U to put them on the website.

Also a pin board will be put up in the room each with future events/important dates.

Finances – Everyone is paying. A small profit was made at the Kate Howard event (£30). New signatories are in process.

Gigs – Gill D to follow up on the gig at Yarlswood.

Communication – How can it be improved/made more efficient? Having a physical calendar/list up on the new pin board every Wednesday then everyone will know about events for the coming year. These to be re-iterated during the announcement slot on Weds as and when needed. 2 tables in the room, one with leaflet the other with pin board/calendar.

BOS 20th Birthday – actual birthday is Jan 15th – an afternoon in the Barn to be arranged.

Celebration event venue to be decided soon. Venues need to be looked at. Gill D to send around specific criteria needed in order to get suggestions from BOS members. The idea is to have a concert with food, similar to the Women's Day concert. At present Christchurch in Pitsmoor is the best venue in terms of size and it's free. Some issues with it being church – so BOS members to be asked what they think. Dates for this events are March 4th or 11th.

Summer garden party at Leslie's house to be arranged

AOB –

Talking on Wednesday's – Can we be quiet when singing, it makes it easier to learn parts. Kate to announce, then Steering Group to remind people and show good practice.

Next Meeting – to be arranged next term

Lockerbrook – BOS weekend away in June. Details to be arranged.