

BOS STEERING GROUP MINUTES - Saturday 24 October 2015

PRESENT: Anna, Carol, Cathy, Deena, Gill Dean, Gill Moore, Gill Upham, Kate, Renate

Minutes of 8 July 2015

The minutes were approved as a true record.

Membership update

We now have 46 members which includes 11 new women who have signed up and paid their membership fees.

Discussion took place around the issue of the BOS email list. It was discussed that we would have two mailing lists, one for BOS business (the current yahoo list) and a non-BOS business mailing list for anything else that should be posted. This is because we seem to be encountering a lot of non-BOS business which folk are maybe not interested in.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that we would have a noticeboard on the website which members could put alerts on so then our email boxes will not get so cluttered up. Gill Upham to investigate the possibilities and report back to the group.

Gill Dean also to look into getting a portable noticeboard to take to BOS for notices that can be put up on a weekly basis – ie.. flyers etc.

Attendance

We have been averaging 25-30 per week at BOS and Kate finds this a comfortable number.

It was agreed that we would wait until next September before we allow any further new members to start. A waiting list will be kept in the meantime.

Treasurer's Report

Most new members have paid their membership fees and communication with the new venue is good.

Busking – 4 December

Will take place on Fargate. There has been no definite time set yet, Deena to confirm.

Laurieston

Discussion took place generally about Laurieston and it was agreed that more information needs to be disseminated to new women in the choir as they may not know anything about the venue and what happens there. Carol to speak with Lisa and ask her to give a brief overview at BOS. We could also put something onto the website including photographs so new women could have a look.

Talk about invited speakers to do workshops took place and the following women were suggested and could maybe be approached to see if they are available/willing to facilitate a workshop: Rose Hodgson, Kate Howard, Penny Store. A suggestion was made that we should have a named person to ask suggested women and putting them in order of preference, availability etc.

International Women's Day

Discussion took place as to whether we would like to hold an event for IWD and it was agreed that Deena would look into a new venue (the old Woolworths) where we could possibly hold an event including selling cake and doing a performance. The date we agreed on was Saturday 5 March. Deena to check prices/availability.

Heeley Workshop

Kate had been approached by someone from Heeley asking if BOS would be interested in doing some outreach singing within the community. Kate thought this would be good for BOS and that if there are a few women who would like to do this she will get back to them.

Palestine update

So far there are eight women interested in going to Palestine. Kate is making enquires to make connections with a women's group out there (AMOS trust). She will obtain some background information and confirm a date.

Concern was made that time would be spent in BOS rehearsing for this but Kate will ensure that the music used out there will be mainly busking songs, so this should not have an impact on the group as a whole, rehearsing wise.

MA Project

Kate had been approached by someone studying for an MA in Ethnomusicology whose main project would be after Christmas and she would like BOS to be her main project! It was agreed by the Steering Group that Kate would give details to Cathy, who would have a chat with the woman to see what this would entail.

Golden Oldies Night

This is still on the agenda, but we would not do it this term as we have a lot of new members settling in. Kate to set the dates in advance, including one for the end of next term, preferably after IWD, and the following term too.

Christmas Party

The date of 8 December, suggested crafty event similar to last year but also to include games, storytelling. 3-4 people to get together to work on a theme for the evening. Renate to announce at BOS.

Any Other Business

Reminder that the clothes swap is happening on Friday 13 November at Heather's house.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting to be held in January 2016 in order to plan for IWD.