**BOS Minutes – Meeting 23rd October 2019**

Apologies –none

Attendance – Gill D, Kate, Liz S, Liz, Lesley, Izzy, Carol, Judy, Jen, Liz K and Julia

**Minutes of last meeting** –

Put definite things in Red.

**Start times –**

50% voted for 7.15pm that will start next term.

Break – 8.20 for 15 mins – Gill D to mention to group.

**Membership –**

1. Having time out

Kate Bull – ask Julia as unclear

Cathy Hill –

Rachel Stone

We need to be clearer on what we do about payment – .scrapping idea of paying retainers.

Typically 15 months but this is flexible – dependent on circumstances

2. Waiting list – for Sept 2020 3 people enquired and given details about taster sessions. 7 people currently on waiting list

3. Welcome letter – Welcome letter with guiding principals and joining instructions all sent

4 . Inviting new women, a system for doing this – have one that works.

Liaison person – could we have someone to keep in touch with them. Julia to talk with Jane on this

Three new starters , two new bursaries (2 old bursaries).

**Gigs/Workshops**

1. IWD (Sun 8th) - Let these walls fall – Do something on this day to raise money for them – possibly Sat 7th. (Action – do a sign up sheet and Kate lead small group to organise)
2. Roxanne (10th Nov) – £250 plus £100 for room. Expenses 15. Sharing the cost with P Cats. We’d have enough money if 20 (fee paying) people paid £15. Choir to be asked tonight. Start 10 – 1, with 15 min break. Lunch after. Izzy to liaise with Roxanne. Liz S to copy Izzy in to an email. Email to go round to the group – Izzy. Liz to check start time and let R know that Izzy is the liaison, and to check the fees
3. Busking – We said no to Hospital. We said we’d busk for Assist. Three dates good with Kate, then ask the group, then we let Assist know. Can we go somewhere where we get more money? Also where we position ourselves, with signs more visible. Difficult to know spots in advance as other buskers could be there. Winter Gardens – Fargate – Waitrose – Peace Gardens – Near Café Rouge – Station. Can Lenny ask Assist they have tabards/ info table. We provide additional bucket shakers.

**Kate’s absences** –

Clarification – Sage date in Nov now not happening.

Bethlehem in April – Helen would prefer 3 sessions cover. April break 2 weeks – then 3 weeks with Helen – dates are April 15, 22nd and 29th. 29th April is a SG meeting.

**Noticeboard** /**Indexing of Minutes–**

Put up Agendas on Noticeboard

Izzy and Gill to put up appropriate things on Boards – Minutes, Agenda, key dates, Calendar, SG dates etc. Keeps everything transparent keep everyone on the loop.

Anything people want to add is fine.

Indexing – Izzy happy to do this.

**Weekends – Away date** –

Spring 2020 – Unstone Grange – Kate to investigate.

1. Weekend with Voca Loca – that to be organized personally with members who have connections to them.

**XR song –**

Gill U – has a few songs linked to XR. Kate listened to it – musically not great, lyrics and maybe not appropriate for the group as a whole. More generic protests songs are fine – SG decided not to do.

**Suggestion Book –**

Suggestion book to be hung up on Noticeboard – to be checked every week. Needs a label on it – Carol. Carol to check it each week

**AOB –**

Policy on babies – not relevant. Suspended.

Cost of singing as member’s events – can be mentioned at the AGM.

Julia’s birthday – Julia to send an email with a few songs that we might sing.

Website – Liz S to help Liz with it. Liz is looking for some training to improve our website. Lucy’s colleague could give Liz some training – Liz to arrange.

Judy – to redo blurb for the website

Gill D, Liz S and Kate getting together to talk about contracts.

GDPR – Lesley and Gill D and Liz S to get together on this

Flashmob – a bit uncertain about whether it’s going ahead. Today Judy will say to group that anyone interested to have a huddle at break.