**BOS SG Meeting 10th July 2019**

Wendy, Gill D, Jenny, Julia, Carol P, Kate, Lesley

Apologies – Izzy, Liz, Liz, Judy,

**Kate** – Normally Kate’s salary is increased with inflation. Should this increase? If so, should this be specific to Kate. Increase to £25 per hour for prep and £120 for Wednesdays. Any extra events we do should be paid, on top of the 20 hours prep time per month. This is a conversation that we’ll have with Kate in the near future. This will be reflected in her contract.

**Minutes and matter arising**

**Bank –** Lesley to look into a bank that doesn’t charge

**Surplus funds** – Current surplus is £5500 (3,500 is the Trigger figure). Is it a good idea to have a big surplus to have a lower rate for people on benefits? We could have a £2 rate for anyone on benefits. Asylums seekers are free.

Should we lower the general rates? As we’ll keep having a surplus.

Could we use it on something nice for the choir rather than give money back.

Free workshops and free food? A mix of things to include everyone.

Heavily subsidized Lockerbrook.

Could we decide to give money each year to Sage/One world Choir. Rather than reduce fees by a small amount, commit ourselves, to be reviewed yearly.

Action – to sound out people opinions? Dot voting. To do it at the start of next year.

Final decision – Fund food at Xmas, regular donations to 2 community choirs, free workshop.

Paying bursaries for Asylum seekers initially a pilot. This no longer needs to be a pilot. Could we say anyone on benefits comes and talk to us about what they can pay. The idea being we want all members to take part and not have to not go to certain events due to lack of money.

We would like to have 3 Asylum seeker places – this would mean we have spaces for 2 more women as Fransisca’s status has changed positively.

Can Jane talk to Priscilla and Fransisca about their experience this year.

Can someone also talk to Carol about how her experience at choir is? Are there any ways we can do things better for her? – Julia to speak to Carol. What’s the best way to communicate with her?

**Choir membership numbers** – we have a notional limit of 40. With possible new members we could go over 40. Just something to be aware of for the meeting over the summer.

Current membership – 40.

**Summer SG meeting** – to be arranged by email

**Gigs in December** – Lots of requests around Xmas. Sheffield Hospitals gig - we’ll ask people nearer the time.

**Calendars** – In future we’ll tell whole choir in advance, in case anyone wants to come. Action – to go on the notice board.

April – Kate possibly away (Bethlehem Uni). Helen to take 2 or three weeks. TBC

SG meal – September 20th. SG plus Gill U, Gill M, Lisa, Stef, Leni, Cathy, Carol A – Action Gill D to send out invites. Saigon 68/Maapoori/Red Deer 6pm. Gill to do a Doodle poll.

**Picnic** – apologies from Kate

Venues for workshops – ok for Roxanne (Holmsfield), no venue for Faith (need to book soon). Action - Could Izzy book?

**Residential** – Alternative to Laurieston. We need to talk about this early in next term.

Lockerbrook again?

Sleepover at the barn?

New venue? – going further away for longer.

Meeting before term – Ideally involve Liz S.

4th September