**KELSBOROW CHOIR**

**COMMITTEE MEETING held on Thursday 20th June 2019 at 33, Peel Hall Lane, Ashton Hayes**

**MINUTES**

1. **Present:** Elaine Campey (Chair), Jim Edwards, Alan Burgess, Margrett Barnes, Veronica Barnett, Sue Witter, Irene Wilkinson, Heather Oulton, Mary Stubbington, Janice Anderson, and Margaret Corlett.

1. **Apologies:** Malen Johnson, Christine Tickell, Isabelle Hughes, and Barry Lockwood.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 18th April were corrected for the attendance of Sue Witter, approved, and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** 
   1. **Defibrilator.** Elaine informed the meeting that despite the shortfall of £700.00 in funding the choir had pushed ahead and purchased the defibrillator for £1,500.00. Mary wished to have her objections to this recorded herein, as she did not agree that the choir should solely carry the cost of the machine which may benefit so many other organisations. Jim reminded the meeting that he had written to Ashton Sings, St John’s Church and contacted the dance group asking each for a contribution to the cost. No replies have been forthcoming despite the time which has lapsed since. Jim also advised that the Plymouth Brethren web-site had no indication that there was or will be a church in the old WI building. Alan made the point that future concerts should not be fundraising for others but should seek to re-fund the Choir for this additional outlay. Jim agreed to try again to elicit a reply from the local groups who have not replied. **|AP01JDE|.** Elaine explained that she was chasing up the matter of fitting the machine but again KC would be paying.
4. **Correspondence.** Jim advised that no correspondence of note had been received since the last meeting.
5. **Treasurer’s Report.** Heather presented the latest set of accounts for the meeting. Elaine queried the donation of £150.00 – Heather advised that it was from Christleton Church.
6. **Social Group.** Mary gave a brief update from the SG. It was a pity that the walk had to be cancelled but in the light of such a poor show of interest there was little choice. There was nothing else in the pipeline at present. Ideas for consideration were – A cake making speaker, Graham Fifoot talking about bee keeping, and a trip on the canal.
7. **Publicity.** There was nothing to report on this subject.
8. **Future Concerts.**
   1. Barrow – Margaret advised that 15 or 16 children have made themselves available for the concert – not very good really but enough not to have to cancel. Mary was perturbed that it was only at this late stage that we find out that KC are responsible for the raffle.
   2. Irene noted that several months ago she mentioned going to Llanelian but no date had yet been identified by the Choir. Old Colwyn had also been in touch saying that they would like to host a concert to raise funds but again no date had been identified. The dates of 8th September and 18th August were suggested. *(writers note – which will be which?)*
   3. Irene had seen the Roberts Bakery band perform at the Cheshire show and spoke to their Band leader about the possibility of a joint concert. He suggested that we speak to their new Secretary – maybe something in the Storyhouse in Chester, around October or November? Other venues the Wesleyan Chapel on St John’s Street, Christchurch near the fire station or the St Mary’s Centre. **|AP02JDE|**
9. **Any Other Business.** 
   1. Choir closure dates – Margaret advised that she would be away on holiday on the Tuesdays of 16th, 23rd and 30th of July so would not be available to lead the Choir.
   2. Jim advised the meeting of Malen’s discovery of someone who would be prepared to make new ties for the men.
   3. Janice presented £300.00 to the treasurer which was the profit from the lottery.
   4. Holland 2020. The meeting agreed that if we are to go then we need to get the hotel rooms booked soonest, Margret asked whether we should be fundraising for this? The general feeling was no. Elaine suggested that we should travel out on the Thursday and return on Sunday, flying out via Schipol. We would then need a coach for a few days. The meeting agreed that there needs to be a working party. In the meantime Jim agreed to write a response to the formal letter confirming our intention to attend – if we can get the right response from the body of the Choir. **|AP03JDE|**
   5. Margaret expressed her disappointment in the percentage of the Choir who were prepared to make themselves available for concerts. Only about 60% of the Choir could attend most of our concert dates.
   6. Margret advised that we currently do not have enough folders for all of the Choir. It was generally expected that we could only get bespoke orders for a minimum of 50. Could we get 10 or so and stick on a sticky back transfer of the Choir logo. **|AP04MB|.**
   7. Mary asked why so few Choir members were wearing their badges after we had gone to the trouble and cost of obtaining them. It was noted that we didn’t actually have enough to go round – only 50 wallets were received with 100 lanyards. Elaine said that she would ask those who do have them to wear them at Choir.

The next meeting would be held at Elaine’s house on Tuesday 16th July at 7:30.