



WHITEHALL CHOIR

Whitehall Choir Committee meeting, 11th April 2006, 6.45pm.

Present

Samantha Foley, Jonathan Williams (minutes), Ken Holmes, Miranda Douce, Martin Humphreys, Moira Purkiss, Andrew Hyde, Laurence Grace, (Tamsin Cousins, Philip Pratley to report on website development)

Apologies

Jen Brzozowska , Rose Chandler, Anne Dickinson, David Pite, Paul Spicer.

1. Website

Tamsin and Philip took the committee through the new web pages. Ken observed that the choir brochure and now the website are using a Sans Serif font for the choir logo banner. After discussion, it was decided that the choir would standardise on this style for all our literature in the future. The committee “signed off” on the style/structure of the new website, and again thanked the website teams for their efforts.

2. The committee were asked to send any suggested changes to the website text to Sam by the end of the week, which Sam would then collate and supply back to Tamsin. Sam also to review photos to be used for the website and advise. - **action all/Sam**

3. Matters arising from the last committee meeting

We are discussing with the church whether we can have the main door open for choir members to enter the church for rehearsals and avoid the problem of coming in through the vestry door. Building works at the Church will affect rehearsals for the first 4 weeks of next term, but should enhance the lighting when completed.

4. Choir tour

Martin presented a proposal for a 5 night tour to Toulouse for 3 to 8 May 2007 at an estimated cost of £500. Details, including 2.5 concerts will be firmed up with the two tour providers under consideration. - **action Martin**

5. Committee posts

Anne Dickinson has resigned her roles on the committee. Sam expressed the Choir’s huge thanks for all of her work over many years, and recorded the Committee’s particular hope that Anne will continue to sing with the choir in the future.

Soprano Rep: The committee recorded its thanks to Katherine Herzberg for taking on this role and for her offer to continue for the next term as necessary. In the meantime, Sam will ask for volunteers to take on this job for the longer term. - **action Sam**

A possible new role combining the responsibilities of assistant secretary and webmaster was also discussed. Tasks would include keeping the website material

up to date, especially the members' pages. This job description needs to be consolidated – **action Sam**

6. **Treasurer's report**

The main item of discussion was the financial loss on the recent SJSS concert, being £900 more than the budget. This is due in part to lower ticket sales and in part to increased concert costs over the original budget. Ken also reported that he was pleased to receive £850 from the insurance company for the necessary costs we incurred through the postponement of our 7 July concert last year. Sam expressed her thanks to Ken for pursuing this issue so tenaciously, and for securing such an excellent result.

7. **SJSS concert, March 2007**

After consideration of several issues, it was decided to go ahead with a St Mark Passion (rather than the St Mathew which has proven impossible at this venue, due to size constraints) for this concert and to ask SJSS to guarantee that they won't take a booking for the same programme for a 6 week period either side of our date – **action Jonathan**

8. **Summer 2007 concert venue**

Jonathan to explore possible venues for a Saturday concert; end June early July, at Cadogan Hall. To also explore with the Hall the possibility of improved risers at the venue for the future – **action Jonathan.**

9. **Come and Sing event**

We plan to hold a Come and Sing event on Saturday 4 November, probably the Mozart Requiem with organ accompaniment. We need to choose a suitable venue, such as St Paul's, Covent Garden - **action Jonathan/all**

10. **AOB**

We are ordering 150 new black music folders which will be slightly larger than the existing ones. They should arrive in time for our summer concert. **Action Laurie/Sam**

11. **Dates of future meetings**

Thursday 25 May 2006

Thursday 15th June 2006

Tuesday 11 July 2006 (**AGM**)

Jonathan Williams

Secretary