

Minutes for Global Harmony Extraordinary General Meeting

18th January 2010 at 7.30pm

Venue: Sage Cross Methodist Church

PRESENT Choir members were present as per register

1. Choir members agreed to appoint Hazel to be Chair for the meeting
2. Choir members agreed to appoint Janet to take minutes for the meeting
3. The Chair informed the members that there is no longer a Committee. As a result of this, the choir members needed to elect a new Committee to represent and carry out their wishes.

The agenda prepared and circulated for the 11th January would not be used and another had been prepared for the evening. It was also hoped that everyone would work together in the best interests of the choir.

4. The purpose of the choir was read out as follows: *“To promote opportunities to enjoy accessible music making of the highest standards in a friendly, supportive community setting”* [Item 2 of the current constitution (adopted 06.03.2000, amended 24.09.07)]

The Chair then asked the members if they wished to continue as a Community Choir with the aims as read out above.

Before a vote was taken, 3 models were submitted for consideration (by Steve):

- a) *A Community Choir* - where the Committee works as a team with the Musical Director. The choir members make decisions.
- b) *A Community Singing group* - where everything is organised by the Committee, and the Musical Director organises only the singing. Members delegate decisions to the Committee.
- c) *A Private Choir* - run entirely by the Musical Director.

Following a discussion involving many members of the choir, it was proposed that the members vote on

'Do we want to continue as a Community Choir working with the Musical Director?' (as a) above)

The vote was by a show of hands for all those in favour. It was carried unanimously. No votes against.

5. Thanks were given by the Chair to members of the previous Committee, and it was acknowledged that they had always worked with the best interests of the choir in mind. More recently they worked with two principles in mind:

a) To try and retain Liz as the Musical Director following her resignation in September

b) To keep additional costs within the means of the choir so that fees did not have to increase.

6. A resolution was put forward by the Chair to the members to consider approving the previous Committee's proposal to pay Liz the following, as per the letter to Liz from Tina, on behalf of the Committee, entitled '*Pay Offer*' and dated 31st October 09:

£60 per hour for evening rehearsals

£150 for pre-concert rehearsals

£150 for each concert performance (of which there are 3 per year)

£300 for recording the parts CDs

It was stated by Steve that Liz was in agreement with this offer.

Monica suggested that this meeting was not the right time to discuss Liz's pay offer and proposed that there should be a suspension of discussion of pay negotiations until a new committee was in place. The Chair took this proposal to the vote.

Proposal: **That pay negotiations should be suspended until a new Committee was in place**

Votes for - 5

Votes against - majority

Proposal rejected.

Proposal by the Chair: **Do you want to approve the pay offer as outlined?**

Votes for - majority

Votes against - 3

Proposal carried

7. Nominations for new Committee

Role of Chair - Hazel proposed by Julie, seconded by Carol

Role of Secretary - Helen proposed by Sue, seconded by Val

Role of Treasurer - Steve proposed by Rosalind, seconded by Ann

(Steve volunteered on a temporary basis only, until the next AGM)

Other choir members put themselves forward for the committee and were approved by the members

Tina – as a co-opted member only

Val – to do bookings etc

Cynthia

Duncan

These roles will last until the AGM in March, when the membership can elect new committee members, and can make changes to the constitution.

The Chair was pleased to announce that Global Harmony would continue.

8. An item from the original agenda was put forward by the Chair as follows:

'that choir members agree to the proposal to top up the money raised (amount £511,71 from concert ticket and collection proceeds plus £54.55 from donations at the party on 14 December and afterwards) by the choir through fund raising activities for the Cumbria Flood Relief Fund to £1000 (by a sum of £433.74) from its own resources held in the Global Harmony bank account'

After much discussion a proposal was put forward by Duncan which was put to the vote by the Chair

Proposal - **'That the choir sends the profit from the concert to the Cumbrian Flood Relief Fund'**

Votes for – majority

Votes against – minority

Proposal carried

9. The meeting was declared closed at 8.30pm.

Minutes prepared by Janet Donnell
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