

PHILHARMONIC CHOIR OF MANCHESTER.

St. Paul's Church.

AGM. OCT. 11th 2016

PRESENT. There were 14 members at the start of the meeting, at the end approx. 20. Registers indicated 27 members were present.

APOLOGIES. Rachael Mortimer. Fred Purslow. Jane Jefferson.

AGM. 2015. The minutes were accepted.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. Paul opened the meeting. He thanked the committee. The Bach B minor Mass requires the extra term time for rehearsals. He commented on the short break during singing time which reduces social interaction among choir members. At this point Paul thanked Rachael Mortimer for inviting choir members to her summer garden party. Those available to visit Rachael, enjoyed a pleasant afternoon. Paul continued - Subscriptions will increase to £110 pa. £42 term x 3. He asked that members pay subs. ASAP.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC REPORT. Aidan spoke of a "great year." The Monteverdi was challenging and attracted a good audience, the string quartet also, which was not expensive. Aidan is "mindful" of the difficulty of the Bach Mass. In comparison, other pieces are easy to read! He thanked the committee Andy T. and Angela for her work and support. Aidan asked that family and friends are invited to concerts and as Andy CJ, suggests all choir members aim to sell three tickets. Sally the vocal coach may work with the choir again.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Andy T, discussed the current financial state of the choir which has an average membership of 33. Subs. gift aid and donations did not cover the cost of rehearsals, therefore Andy proposed the increase in subs. as stated in the Chairman's notes. £800 is the average cost of a concert + fees for soloists. The Christmas concert (2015) made a profit of £300. Margaret paid the fee of the soloist in the summer concert. This plus the generous donation £800 from David Ball, + gift aid has enabled us to improve choir "reserves" (August 2016).

MEMBERS QUESTIONS/COMMENTS. There was agreement re, increase in subs. Comment re: the cold church. Teresa informed the Rector Rev Gisela 5th Oct. There is a new heating system. She apologised. A committee member made a strong point that we should "focus" on marketing. This will be discussed at the committee meeting Nov. 8th. Bring a friend anytime!

CHOIR COMMITTEE MEMBERS. Chaiman Paul Bradbury. Librarian Angela Roberts. Treasurer Andy Tabron. Choir members secretary. Margaret Eastwood. Choir concert secretary, David Fisher. Soprano rep. Annalisa Faenza. Alto Rep. Rachael Mortimer. Bass/Tenor rep. Ray Hignett. Web. Site. Helen Johnson. Secretary Teresa Ankers.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm. Next committee meeting. 8th Nov. 6.30pm.

Teresa.