

PHILHARMONIC CHOIR OF MANCHESTER.

St. Paul's Church.

AGM. 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 2017

PRESENT. There were 15 members at the start of the meeting this number increased gradually and 25+ attended the rehearsal.

APOLOGIES . Alan Tomlinson. Judy Cornfield. Jane Jefferson. Nigel Rose. Sylvia Irvine. Ray Hignett.

AGM. 2016. The minutes were accepted.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. Paul spoke of the year as one of achievement re. the Bach Mass. The Brahms Requiem will be difficult in parts. We should encourage more "younger" people to join the choir. The church is booked 7.30pm-9pm. There is little time for socialising. Rachel's garden party was a happy, pleasant social time.

The concert audience does not cover the cost of soloists/instrumentalists. Andy T. - considers that subs. may remain at £110.00 pa. £42.00per term. ( following the AGM. Subs. are now due.) There was discussion among members re. additional donations being paid. Helen Jackson said that choir members could donate to costly concerts- above the basic subs. Diedre Lewis added that £150.00 had been suggested. (inc. donation) Members are not charged for music – as some choirs are. Aidan and Andy CJ. choose not to be paid. The –new wine raffle will continue weekly, £16.00 was raised 3<sup>rd</sup>. Oct.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC REPORT. Aidan spoke of a "successful year." The Vaughan Williams "worked well". The carols were "floppy." The Bach Mass was expensive and a great sing. People helped with tickets and refreshments etc. More tickets must be sold, family and friends make up the audience –majority. The summer concert was "good" and included madrigals. The Brahms will be a challenge, Aidan continued. He may arrange a German, language coach.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Andy T was unable to attend the meeting. Paul circulated Andy's notes.

MEMBERS QUESTIONS/COMMENTS. Much of the discussion was regarding donations . Fran Hennell said that posters for the concerts should be circulated in Withington and Didsbury areas and to the RNCM. "in good time".

CHOIR COMMITTEE VACANCY. Choir concert organiser. David Fisher is unable to fulfil I this role at present.

Andy T. would like to discontinue in his role as treasurer as soon as a replacement can be found.

Members agreed that the committee members would continue in their present roles.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Teresa.