**Sussex Harmony Committee Meeting held 8pm, Monday 1 September 2014 at the Brewers Arms, Lewes**

**Present:** Milly, Rachel, Mike, Jan

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting** were agreed and signed as a true record and the re-typed minutes of the 23 June meeting were also signed, as agreed at the previous meeting.
2. **Matters arising**

**Music stand covers –** Jan had spoken to her sister-in-law about embroidering the logo onto fabric and Julie had taken one of our leaflets to see what she would be able to do. She said that she may not be able to replicate the initials exactly but would do her best to find a near match for our font.

 Mike had not yet contacted Radio 3. **Action point: Mike**

Jan had still to put the quire onto the Big Sing list. **Action point: Jan**

1. **Treasurer’s report**

Mike reported that there was £1455.45 in the bank and £157.01 in petty cash. He had nothing else to report.

1. **Past events –** none
2. **Forthcoming events**

**Sunday 21 September – 3pm workshop and evensong at Christchurch Methodist Church, Springfield Road, Bexhill.** Rachel said that she was worried as only twelve quire members had put themselves down to do this event. She would email everyone to encourage them to attend. She might move the Thursday practice to Tuesday or Wednesday the week beforehand as she would be away on the Thursday.

**Saturday 4 October – Harveys Old Ale Celebrations, 11am Thanksgiving Service at St Thomas in The Cliffe.** Rachel said that Kath, Marsden and Mike were not available for this event.

**Saturday 29 November – concert at Punnetts Town.** Rachel needed to get a poster out. She thought she might entitle it “We singers make bold”. She thought it would be a 7.30pm start.

 **Action point: Rachel**

**Friday 5/Saturday 6 December – Little Horsted concert.** Still no news on this one.

**Sunday 14 December – Malling Carol Service**

**Thursday 18 December – 7 for 7.30pm, Carol concert at St Peter’s, Preston Park, Brighton**

**Saturday 20 December – concert at Hurstpierpoint**

**Saturday 27 December – noon, post-Christmas sing at the Rights of Man, Lewes.**

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**Sunday 14 June – workshop and evensong at Catsfield.**

**Possible Moody and Sankey sing at St Anne’s, Lewes Action point: Rachel**

**Possible visit to Greyfriars, Lewes.** Jan had emailed Cecily Payne at Greyfriars but had not yet received a reply.

**Possible workshop and evensong at St Andrew’s, West Tarring, Worthing.** Jan had emailed Chris Green at Tarring and he had replied that he would take the suggestion to his PCC meeting in September. He would be in touch when he felt that this event could be arranged.

1. **New leaflet/website**

Jan had received a couple of shape note photos from Milly and had used one of them in the leaflet. She had printed off a couple of samples for the committee members to see and they were passed round at the meeting. Rachel commented that she would like to change the wording in one section and she would email Jan with the changes required. Jan could then seek a printer for the leaflet.

 **Action point: Rachel**

Jan had emailed Robin regarding the website requests and he had replied that he would make the changes but that it would take a bit of time. He also requested that people sending photographs include the location, date, event and any other relevant information. Rachel said that she had some photos to send to Robin.

1. **Any other business**

The Jireh Chapelwould be having an open day on Saturday 13 September. However**,** the Tour of Britain bike ride would be going through Lewes so some roads would be closed.

Jan said that she would be at St Peter’s, Preston Park on Saturday 13 September for their Heritage weekend exhibition. She would like to take advance publicity for the Christmas carol concert and asked whether Rachel had last year’s poster that she could alter accordingly. Rachel said that she would produce a poster and email it to Jan for printing.

 **Action point: Rachel + Jan**

Jan had received an email from Edmund Gooch attaching an email from Cindy Hsiao, the fundraising officer for the National Foundation for Youth Music. They were asking for WGMA and quire involvement in their new initiative called “Give a Gig”. They ask quires to consider putting on an event to benefit the charity and offer promotion and publicity for the quire and event through various channels.

Jan had also brought along a piece from the Worthing Theatres booklet. This was an event on September 27th called “Culture here and now” and was intended to be a showcase for local cultural events and societies. Pitches at the event were free and so was admission. The times were 11am until 2pm, with set up time of 10am. It was agreed that it was a little late for us to think about this year but maybe we could make plans for next year as all art forms were welcome to attend. Representatives from the Arts Council and other funding bodies would be on hand with funding information.

1. **Date of next meeting – Monday 6 October 2014, 8pm at the Brewers Arms, Lewes**

Jan booked the table before leaving.