**Sussex Harmony Committee Meeting held 8pm, Monday 23 June** 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 after correcting the spelling of Little Horsted in item 5.
2. **Matters arising -** none
3. **Treasurer’s report**

Mike reported that there was £1669.45 in the bank and that all subs were now in. Malling church hire had been paid up to date. He had £10 in petty cash. Rachel had been given £5 for a Singing Seat and her expenses totalled £102. She claimed £16 as the Quire’s contribution to her purchase of new reeds; £15 for a printer cartridge; £2 for photocopying; and £69 for an update to her ‘Capella’ computer programme. Mike made out a cheque for her immediately.

It was noted that we had had three practices at Christchurch plus the party and the AGM. We had not received a bill and it was agreed to make a donation of £75.

Paula was negotiating a fee for the Warbleton concert on 22 June.

1. **Past events**

**Sunday 22 June – concert at Warbleton.** This had gone well and 16 quire members had been present. There had been nice comments during the interval. The first half had been quite long. Someone had asked Rachel to send him all her research for the Warbleton readings. Gibraltar had been sung from the Squire’s Pew at the end of the concert and lots of people had stayed to ask questions. Joe had driven up from Bristol to be at the concert.

1. **Forthcoming events**

**Saturday 5 July – Sacred Harp sing at Malling.** Milly would do the minutes; Mike would be chairman for the day; Jan would organise the kitchen; and Edwin and Michael Walker would take the memorial and sick and housebound lessons. Rachel and Nick needed to get into the church early on Thursday 3 July so that the chairs could be set out into the hollow square. They intended to be there by 7.15pm and Milly would make sure that she gave Rachel the key beforehand. Rachel said that she intended to be at the church by 9/9.15 on Saturday morning. Jan would bring milk and extra mugs, along with tea-towels etc.

**Thursday 24 July – last practice of term**

**Saturday 26 July – 2.30pm onwards, Quire barbecue in Jan and Dave’s garden.**

**Thursday 4 September – first practice of new term**

**Sunday 21 September – 3-5pm, workshop and evensong at Christchurch Methodist Church, Springfield Road, Bexhill.** Doors open 2.30pm. This event had been advertised on the back of the Warbleton programme.

**Saturday 4 October – Old Ale Day**

**Sunday 12 October – possible Moody and Sankey sing**

**Saturday 29 November – concert at Punnetts Town.** Possibly sing “We singers make bold..”.

**Friday 5/Saturday 6 December – possible concert at Little Horsted**

**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, lunchtime post-Christmas sing at the Rights of Man, Lewes**

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**Sunday 14 or 21 June – workshop and evensong at Catsfield**

**Possible Moody and Sankey sing at St Anne’s, Lewes Action point – R**

**Possible visit to Greyfriars, Lewes, in the spring Action point – J**

**Possible workshop and evensong at Tarring, Worthing Action point – j**

1. **New leaflet**

Jan had altered the leaflet in line with the amendments made at the last meeting. However she was still waiting for some recent photographs, including one of a shape note sing.

1. **Music stands**

Jan produced some printouts of wooden music stands that Dave had found on the internet. It was agreed that wooden music stands would be very nice but they are heavy to transport and cumbersome. Those that folded looked just like the metal kind and flimsy. It was agreed that it would be much better to stick to our present stands but have some covers made with our initials and logo on. Rachel could have a double sided hanging so that she could attach “messages” for the quire on the back.

1. **Date of next meeting – Thursday 31 July, 8pm at the Brewers Arms, Lewes.**

Jan booked the table before leaving.