**MINUTES**

**Unity in Sound Community Choir**

**VIA ZOOM**

**Date: Monday 16th November 2020 at 19.30pm**

**Location: Via ZOOM**

**Present: Jax, Beth, Claire, Jane, Kathy, Leah, Lesley, Sheena, Shelagh, Sue**

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| 1. **Apologies: Wendy**
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| 1. **Previous Minutes:** Agreed and Signed in absentia
 | **Jax** |
| 1. **Matters Arising:**

Welcome to new committee members - Beth & KathyItem 9 from October Minutes completed. |  |
| 1. **Subscriptions**

**Payment Holiday for Members for December proposed.** Committee were canvassed for their opinions and it was agreed by the majority that a payment holiday would be instigated - it would be up to individuals to continue or cancel their direct debits. This situation will be reviewed for the subsequent months depending on Government guidelines. Jax to draft email for Sheena to send out. Email will be to all members including those who have attended rehearsals – either on Facebook or Website and haven’t paid or have yet to pay for October and November. It was decided that non-payees will be excluded from WhatsApp and Facebook but will continue to receive emails and access the Website. The choir phone number will also be available. Those attending and not paying will again be asked to pay or seek help with payment with a timescale put in place.  | **Jax/Sheena** |
| 1. **Choir Review**

Leah reports that Facebook Live is difficult and unenjoyable however it is essential for the few people that rely on a weekly interaction and will therefore continue with the current method of rehearsals online until guidelines dictate otherwise. Committee were asked for their thoughts :-* Wanting more singing, less warm-up.
* Preferring rehearsals on Zoom rather than Facebook
* Preference for singing old songs rather than learning new ones.
* Changing the start time to 7.30pm
* FB allows for singing without being heard and allows one to watch at leisure at another time

Leah explained that Zoom rehearsals compared to FB Live were very complicated to set up especially without Andy playing the music. Jax asked whether 1 session in the Church was preferred to 2 sessions - all agreed. When & If Covid 19 virus becomes historic we will need to look at recruiting again to restore numbers to previous levels. We have lost between 13-20 members (depending on the replies to the latest survey) but it was felt that numbers would return once normal service resumes!There are just a few weeks left before we take a Christmas break and we will end FB Live on 10th December with a Christmas carols sing-along, drinks & decorations. Choir is intended to restart on 7th January2021 | **Leah** |
| 1. **Finance Update/Fees**

 * Balance as at 16 November 2020 is £11,071.
* Final accounts for 2019/2020 have been audited and approved by Kathy Langabeer.
* A contingency of 65% is £7196 with an available balance of £3875
* Facemask sales are going well and monies recorded.
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| 1. **AOB**

  Tina Chapman will be retained to administrate the website.  Jane is keeping a log of members removed from WhatsApp and Facebook.   |  |
| **Date of Next meeting** Monday, 14th December 2020 at 19.30 via Zoom  |  |