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Minutes: 14/08/2010 20:10

1. Apologies

Present: Hannah, Elaine, Adam, Anna, Richard, Sophie and Cathryn.
Apologies: Luke.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

One correction- flyering was intended a week *before* Paul's wedding, not after. Proposed by Anna as an otherwise true record. Seconded by Elaine.

3. Correspondence

Have had insurance confirmation through from NODA (to Hannah's house, for some reason). Peter Breach, as local NODA representative, has emailed to confirm his attendance on Thursday night's performance, and patron Anne Key-Huckerby responded to confirm her patron attendance. **Anna** needs to invite the mayor.

4. Treasurer's

Elaine has paid in two of the programme sponsor's and is waiting for the rest. 25 subs worth £375 have been paid in (the rest are in petty cash, maybe a couple left to pay). Tanya has paid to become a patron. £135 from quiz night was collected (without deducting costs) and £10 petty cash paid in. Paid out:

- College hire = £400
- Costumes = £103.95 paid to Sue
- NODA Insurance = £190.63
- Ticket print = £108.60
- Quiz Night food = £43.28 (so, made about £95)

Note: ALL HAIL ELAINE, for getting LOTS of programme sponsors', a rather commendable feat.

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5. Fundraising

Quiz made about £95, but larger attendance would have been good. Was bad timing, but Adam and Elaine donated prizes (good on 'em, much appreciated). GYTS got talent on September 4th (Elaine ask Jack about URC hire), advertise to members next week at rehearsals – aim is to encourage everyone, but especially those who are less involved or non-principle parts.

6. Funny Thing

- 'Is Great!' says Hannah, with 27 people on stage, there is a large cast, for GYTS.
- Music rehearsal needs rethinking, chorus was only used 6-7pm rather than the allotted 6-10pm and dancing and acting rehearsals ended up not happening – although a lot of people were absent despite prior claims of attending (blame Buxton, especially those who only went to watch...). Need to be aware of welcoming new cast members at rehearsals, especially those who aren't gained through 'friends' who are already members.
- Choreography going well, dancers already begun their extra rehearsals, Luke mentioned asking about hire of Grantham School of Dance properties since many of dancers in cast train there.
- Budget = loss of £200, Hannah rebudgeted (including projected ticket sales, programmes, patrons and members). Spent an extra £350 on last year due mainly to score hire and it being a more expensive show. (Change Society accounts to show-show? Or keep as Jan-Jan. Is it an issue? Since as long as the society doesn't make a loss, it doesn't matter if the show does individually)
- Decided that bag packing during rehearsal week isn't probable – too late to organise and no fun. BUT, need to try keep activities going all year round rather than a gap like Jan-May this year. (Adam accused Hannah of sounding like her dad at this point, she seemed rather affronted.)
- Nigel's drumkit is new and he needs a specifically locked room to keep it in – the class room should be locked since it isn't term time.
- Set sorted, programme gone to print, flyering went well due to being in costume. Ordering more for rehearsal week to take out, A6 x 200. Also need laminated posters for college, to direct audience.
- Alert radio stations and advertise – **Anna**. Library display is up for 2 weeks. Down on the Saturday, **Anna** can take down. (She is a very lovely person for doing all this).
- Discussed becoming a 'charity' although we think there are too many loopholes. Apparently other Grantham societies are and Gift Aid etc would be worth it.
- Programmes – unexpectedly A4. Committee hadn't discussed this and could've charged more for adverts if was known. But wanted more in the programme this year, bios were included, so nicer to take home and enjoy. (James' was in LATIN?!!) Organise number of adverts and design in advance next year?

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- Need raffle prizes for front of house and people to volunteer to man front of house. Need CRB checked adults backstage for Thursday and Friday.
- 46 sold tickets at Guildhall thus far, but 16 of these are patron's complimentary ones.
- Videos are on Facebook for advertisement, start an email campaign? **Cat** email members to send poster round and advertise/bully people of Facebook etc.
- Photo for newspaper needs sending or organising. **Anna** talk to Journal for everything. And find someone to review for show.

7. Patrons

Now have 14. Target more people at the show.

8. Next meeting

Saturday 11th evening at Elaine's at 8pm.

9. AOB

- Choosing show, suggestion box front of house each night for audience to suggest shows. (apparently electric tea lights for the tables are AWESOME)
- Elaine worried about function of the website, but checked at meeting and seemed ok for now.
- Elaine available for extra vocal tutoring during rehearsals.
- Rich's concert – encouraging chorus members to take part, keep as a songs from the shows theme? At George Centre? Need auditioning and organisation to keep to the time limit etc. Give chorus pieces with small solo parts for less confident members. DATE? Oct half term? Dress code? Posh frocks?
- Consider early ticket special for next year, possibility of selling from website? Could we sell from other place than Guildhall? See if anyone would sell for no commission.
- Scores, do we have enough? Some people still don't have one. Sort out at rehearsal on Monday.
- Sophie sort out hoodies. Not tshirts, no interest in those.

End: 21.24

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