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1. Apologies

Rhiannon, Cathryn (Becky S took the chair for this meeting)

2. Matters arising from last meeting

- Proposed: Becky S, Seconded: Sophie
- Constitution **still** needs to be amended following changes approved at AGM and minutes of AGM to be typed up - **Cat to sort.**
- All else to be recorded under relevant sections.

3. Correspondence

- Received a phone call from Peter Breech (NODA rep) about awards night and whether we were attending but Elaine sorted this and Luke and Sophie attended.
- Received a letter from NODA about subs renewal - this has been sent before letter arrived but, because NODA subs have gone up this year, we owe them an extra £3.88 - **Luke to send asap.** Elaine has already emailed to let them know that it is on its way.
- Nine patron cheques received - including 2 new patrons.
- Letter from Anne Key-Huckerby (patron) thanking us for newsletter that we sent and informing us which night she will coming to see 'Crazy For You.'
- Letter from bank about interest and charges etc - passed onto Luke.

4. Treasurer's

- Luke has completed the form to change over bank signatories - **just waiting for Cat's signature.**
- Nine patron cheques totaling £225 handed over.
- Need to pay NODA subs surplice - £3.88 - **Luke to sort and send asap.**

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- **Elaine to forward email** received from college with amount to be paid to Luke. **Luke to sort and send payment asap.**
- Elaine also handed over £45 from busking in the George Centre and £100 from the fundraising concert on Saturday.

5. Fundraising

- Recital: This raised £100 for GYTS and £100 for St Wulframs. Many thanks to Augusta, Richard and Adam who supported and sang and / or helped. Many thanks also to Luke who also attended and brought friends!

Elaine expressed some concern and disappointment about the fact that, although the concert was raising money for GYTS, only 4 members of GYTS were present at the concert despite every member being informed and there was a low turnout generally which meant that it did not raise as much money as it could have done had it been well supported.

- Bag packing: Saturday 9th July, Morrison's, in costume, time tbc. **Augusta to set up facebook page nearer the time and coordinate.**

- Busking: we raised £45 so many thanks to everyone who came and sang / held buckets etc.

- Social evening: cancelled for the time being - potentially being moved to Feb/March time.

- Quiz Night: We are considering running a quiz night in the near future. However, the URC is getting quite expensive for one-off events. **Augusta** to research the rental hire for other halls in the area to compare prices. Halls to be asked are: St Anne's, St Wulfram's, St Mary's, Earlsfield Lane Scout Hut, Broad Street Scout Hut and the church on Belton Lane. **Luke** to research Harrowby Lane Methodist Church Hall. Results to be brought to the next meeting.

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6. Publicity

- Posters / Banners: **Becky B** believes we can get free posters / banners from her dad's company. **Becky S** to check quantities of A5 and A6 flyers needed in particular and speak to Becky B's dad regarding this.
- Banners: Luke has spoken to Lloyds about hanging a banner from Lloyds bank - it should be fine but approval is needed from management.
- Poster design: **Becky S** is trying to get hold of MusicScope regarding the use of the official image on posters - how much it will cost etc and whether we are allowed.
- Once posters have been finished, **Becky S** to email committee for approval / checking.
- Committee discussed which schools to target for new members before auditions and decided to widen the net to include Stamford, Lincoln and Newark schools. List of schools and committee members responsible for them is on a separate file. **All posters must be sent to schools by 11th June at the latest (3 weeks)**. **Elaine** to put a letter on the GYTS website (members page) to send with posters (if needed for those schools we do not know!).

7. Production

- All going well - no major issues at this stage.
- Auditions:
 - Saturday 2nd July, 9am - 5pm - Elaine has booked URC Hall (just waiting for confirmation) and Richard has set up a facebook page with details on. **Richard** to add Elaine and Becky S as admins on the page.
 - **Becky S and Becky B** to sort out a press release for the Journal for auditions.
 - Any early auditions: contact Richard Baker on cat_jazz@hotmail.co.uk or 07815 666226 or Becky S on rebecca.l.steele@ntlworld.com
 - Vocal scores etc: We have 3 months rental of these included in the licence. These have now arrived - **Elaine** to sort and hand out to Luke, Oli, Adam and Rich before auditions.
 - Hall hire: Elaine has sent a letter to Gwen Knight (URC bookings) to book the hall for auditions and rehearsals.
 - Orchestral scores: Oli does not need the orchestral parts earlier - 1 month is fine.

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- Backstage staff: We need to find volunteers for back stage and front of house roles. **Elaine** to email round existing members nearer audition time to find out who is wanting to help backstage rather than be in the show - deadline 1 week after auditions for responses. Pass names onto Becky S.
- **Becky S** to create 'job adverts' for assistant / trainee roles for main backstage / front of house roles. Once created, **Elaine** to put them on facebook and website.

8. Patrons

- We need more patrons (we always need more patrons!!)
- Two more new patrons and seven renewals so far.
- **Elaine** to update spreadsheet and website.

9. Next Meeting

- Sunday 26th June 2011 - 7pm - Elaine's house

10. AOB

- NODA nomination: Unfortunately we did not win an award but we were nominated against two 'adult' societies from Boston so we should still all be very proud of ourselves for our nomination!
- Hoodies: Hattie still to claim hers - medium size - Luke is now going to purchase this instead. Sophie to investigate hoodie colours for this season. Hoodie and tap shoes order forms to go out at auditions - **Luke to sort tap shoe form, Elaine to sort hoodie order form.**
- Play booking: We have 2 days booked in the Guildhall theatre in February - dates tbc. A play has been chosen called 'Cupcakes' (written by James Coleman) - which is a 'new writers' project. Currently on first draft stage but looking promising. Anna and Becky S

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are going to direct with a cast of between 8 - 15. Idea to target schools for audience. Can society please collect sweet wrappers of any kind but particularly Curly-Wurly wrappers.

Meeting finished: 9.50 pm

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