

Setanta Committee Meeting

27th February 2017, Ballymascanlon Hotel 7pm

Present: Una Murphy, Pat Clinton, Celia Coyle, Carmel Hamilton, Murt Ó Séaghdha.

Apologies: Cathie Clifford, Michael McCabe, Joe McDonald, Maura Morgan, Mary Murphy

2018 40th Anniversary Plans

- Pat negotiated use of St Patrick's cathedral for either of the last two weekends in February 2018. We now decided on Sunday 25th February at 7pm. Pat will confirm this with St Patrick's.
- Una contacted Anthony Long of RTECO about those two dates and he was OK with either, but needs to inspect the venue. She will now contact him with the chosen date and agree a conductor with him.
- We need to start fundraising ASAP, especially as it would be best to have most of that done before we start selling tickets for the concert. Previous sponsors' contact details are on file. Pat will draft a letter to be sent to each of them and to potential new sponsors. Carmel will coordinate sending these out. We would also welcome suggestions for sponsorships from all choir members.
- Michael to be asked to approach Louth County Council about funding. This should be done in good time before their next budget cycle.
- Pat will approach Brian Harten about Arts Council funding.

Choir Accompanist

- Nothing new to report as enquiries continue in the search for a new accompanist.
- Meanwhile rehearsals continue to go well and Grace is doing very well in taking the men separately. Thanks also to Claire Mc Kenna for helping out. We have decided to continue like this until the May concert.
- Arrangements will be discussed for the May concert.

3-Choir Concert 5th May

- Una has been in email contact with the Swedish choir, Carpe Vocalis, about the programme for the 3-choir concert. She suggested Danny Boy as one of the joint pieces. Cór Chairlinne have previously sung an arrangement and this has been sent to Carpe Vocalis. We have asked Carpe Vocalis to send us their proposed arrangement for Thank You For The Music (ABBA) and to propose a simple one in Swedish for all of us.
- The concert venue will be St Michael's Hall in Carlingford. It has been booked all day for 5th May, so that Carpe Vocalis can use it for rehearsal. But we will only be charged for actual time used.
- Una will book a venue for supper and socialising that evening, preferably the Sailing Club or failing that, McKevitt's. Joe will be asked to book a bus to take us there and back. Choir members will be asked to pay in advance for bus and supper for themselves and guests, and this will be ticketed. This must also be discussed with Cór Chairlinne.

Krakow Trip Autumn 2017

- The proposed trip to Krakow is not going ahead as the initial interest faded rapidly. Maura received a warm tribute for all the work she put into researching and communicating this proposal.

Website

- It is recognised that much of the information on our website needs updating. Fiona and Murt will help Cathie in doing this.
- Carmel will check with Andrew, who did a professional photo shoot with us a few months ago, as there is some mystery about what has happened since then. We really need to get recent choir and committee photos onto the website very soon.

Attendance

- There is great concern about recent poor attendance at rehearsals. There are only 7 weeks of rehearsal remaining before the May concert. Good progress is being made, but it is important not to have poorly prepared individuals spoil the effect. It was decided to send a text to all choir members as a reminder of the need for whole-hearted commitment by all who wish to sing in this concert.
- Una would miss the last Wednesday rehearsal before the Easter break, i.e. 5th April. It was decided therefore to switch that one to Monday 3rd April.

AOB

- A vote of sympathy was passed to Bernagh Brins on the recent death of her partner, Michael O'Donnell of Cross-Border Music Projects.

Next Meeting: Monday 3rd April, Crowne Plaza Hotel, after rehearsal