

Setanta Committee Meeting

4th April 2016, Ballymascanlon Hotel 7pm

Present: Una Murphy, Pat Clinton, Carmel Hamilton, Michael McCabe, Maura Morgan, Mary Murphy, Murt Ó Séaghdha, Jim Slater.

Apologies: Cathie Clifford, Joe McDonald

Rehearsals, Attendance

- It is essential that anyone hoping to take part in the May Concert make every effort to be in full attendance at all rehearsals from now on. Section reps to pass on this message.
- For those returning to rehearsal now after long absence, attendance is obligatory, and they must show that they are up to speed.
- Compliments expressed on the rehearsal CD produced by Cathie.
- Confirmation of Saturday 23rd April in DkIT and Sunday 8th May in Crowne Plaza.

Concert Programme

- Una has been trying for some time to meet Eugene Ginty to finalise the concert programme. A meeting has finally been set for next week. Full programme will be up on the website (members section) soon.
- It is proposed to have 3 sections: beginning at 8pm, with a break for supper and a later break for the raffle draw.
- The Brindisi backing track sourced by Eugene is unsuitable. Una sourced an alternative that she will review with him next week.
- Also to check with Eugene about the sound system.

Tickets, Posters, Publicity

- Tickets were distributed to choir members at the last rehearsal.
- Posters will be distributed to choir members at the next rehearsal, getting commitments from each person on where these will be posted. Carmel to organise.
- Section reps will distribute tickets for choir members' own suppers.
- Pat to write a publicity piece for Cathie to put into local papers.
- Very good response already to Facebook publicity.
- Jim to leave in some tickets and posters at Crowne Plaza.

Sponsorship, Other Help

- All Care Pharmacy (owners of Matthews Pharmacy, Park St.) have agreed to be our main sponsor for the evening. More details to follow.
- Michael will look for additional raffle prizes – The Crowne Plaza have offered 1 night B/B for 2 as our main prize. Other sponsors have been approached.
- Need to get help in manning the door from family members and non-involved (or former) choir members. Specific suggestions were made.
- Will ensure that tables are decorated with balloons etc. Jim to check with Crowne Plaza.
- Will ensure that there are no noisy table preparations or food serving while we are singing.

Uniforms

- Maura having difficulty in sourcing suitable material in sufficient quantity for ladies' scarves as previously proposed. Possible availability of coloured scarves from local shop. Maura will have samples for next rehearsal. If unsuccessful, will revert to previous cream flowers.
- Will insist on proper formal wear for ladies, i.e. long dress or skirt or dress trousers. Some were too casual in Kilkenny recently.
- Investigating men's uniform in the longer term. Pat and Michael to review options at Tony McDonnell's.

Other Plans

- Christmas 2016: Sunday 11th December, Carlingford Heritage Centre. Will be centred on Christmas Carols Fantasia by Vaughan Williams. Copies of this music, for those who don't already have, will be ordered before the summer break.
- Spring/Summer 2017: need to get options for festivals abroad before the summer break.
- 2018: special event to mark 40th anniversary of Setanta. Una in initial correspondence with RTE Concert Orchestra about a collaboration, awaiting next reply. We need suggestions for a programme. Definitely not a requiem! Maybe Karl Jenkins Armed Man?

Next Meeting: Monday 25th April, Ballymascanlon Hotel, 7pm

Also if necessary a short meeting after choir rehearsal on Wednesday 20th April.