Northallerton Music Centre

AGM, 14.1.17, 11.45 am

Present: Acting Chair: Allison McPherson, Secretary: Sarah Skilbeck, Tony Cann, Katherine Mistry-Tulloch, Tony Gibson, Sarah Weyell, Sandy Horner, Clare Storrow, Rebecca Maunder, wendy Pegram, Vicky Howe, Elli Sarri-Neate, Jenny Howlett, Becky McMurray, Jess Hayne, Michael Morrison, Rachel Ainger, Alan Crawford, Su Evans.

Apologies: Treasurer: Donna Robinson, Bethany Stanley, Sue Dickinson, Anna Kershaw, Paula Bailey, Jayne Jolly, Rachael Foster.

Allison explained as acting chair that the constitution states the meeting should be held in the first meeting after the Christmas Concert, even though the treasurer'sand chair's reports were not available. Treasurer's report to follow and to be made available on the web site.

1. Minutes from last year's AGM approved. No matters arising.

2 Appointment of Charity Trustees.

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| Role | Nominee | Seconded by | Nominated by |
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| Chair | Tony Cann | Becky McMaster | Allison McPherson |
| Secretary | Allison McPherson | Rebecca Maunder | Sarah Skilbeck |
| Tuck Shop coordinator | Sarah Skilbeck | Rebecca Maunder | Sarah Weyell |
| Treasurer | Donna Robinson | Tony Cann | Sarah Skilbeck |

Close of AGM

NEXT AGM TO BE HELD FIRST MEETING IN JANUARY 2018

after the Christmas concert.

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Committee and Parents Meeting. 14.1.17 11.45am

1. Minutes of last committee meeting approved

Matters arising.

The purpose of inviting as many parents as possible is to discuss the cost of the gala concert at the sage and canvas opinion from parents as to whether they are happy for the committee to spend a big chunk of its fundraising on this one big event.

We also plan to use survey monkey to reach those parents unable to attend the meeting.

Background information, Su Evans explained that the sage no longer hire on Saturday so we are looking at Sunday Easter 2018. The cost is around £8000 to hire, plus staff costs and transport costs.

Su Evans has subsequently costed the concert for the 1st July: £8657.63 This does not include the recouped cost from ticket sales - see below for detail.

Clare Storrow and Vicky Howe said the children need a say, especially the older ones who have been waiting for the opportunity to perform at the sage. Agreed that a show of hands in rehearsals the best way forward, after staff have explained what the gala concert involves and some older children tell the younger ones what to expect. Sarah suggested showing clips from the DVD from last time.

Allison prompted the parents to consider if they preferred the gala concert or some other events or equipment. Su Evans explained the only other venue that would take us that could house the numbers is York Barbican which lacks the atmosphere of the sage.

Rebecca Maunder asked what the staff opinion was. Su reported that only one, Mrs Butcher, had a reservation about the younger pupils but she felt that they would cope just fine.

The workshops (string quartet, army band) that we have run have been popular: staff really like them, but they are relatively low cost or free so don't impact hugely on this decision.

Clare asked the cost of hiring the sage. It's £7330 for a Sunday and the sage take 15%of ticket sales.

Allison said the committee might struggle to organise it, but Tony Cann pointed out that it's Su that organises and we just fundraise to pay for the extra costs.

Rebecca asked if the staff wanted to go to the sage. Su said the staff will do whatever parents want!

Tony G said that his daughter absolutely fell in love with the sage even though she was quite young, the facilities were great and the shop was very popular..... Jenny H said her children loved it.

Mike M pointed out that the ticket costs should cover the hire of the hall with parents committee only funding the extra staff and transport costs.

Tony C asked if staff Sunday hourly rate was the same as Saturday.

Alan and Su are to produce a proper costing so that we can make an informed choice.

Mike M checked that it would fall within the school term and not a holiday.

Rebecca asked if we could start concert early if it's a Sunday!

A show of hands at the meeting for those in favour was fairly unanimous in support of the sage gala concert.

2. AOB

Other concerts: Christmas concert was three smaller concerts: popular? Yes.

Easter 25th march juniors 11am at Allertonshire. Guitars are playing with Skipton music centre separately.

1st April 11am orchestra choir senior strings.

1pm junior band senior band, swing band.

These to be in all saints church due to repertoire. We need use of piano and organ.

Ask church about raffle.

3. Tuck shop

Allison wants to send a letter asking for more tuck volunteers.

Lead to bring milk for staff tea and coffee we agreed it was a shame if they couldn't get a cuppa!

There was a suggestion we get some vacuum flasks for safety and these would also be useful for concerts when we refill the urn several times. Think they are called air ports.

Water bottles - could we sell them? Yes someone will look into it. Not pencils though- expensive and not popular in schools.

4. Gift aid

Only a few people filled in the form at the concert. General feeling we'd have more luck leaving forms on chairs with one than asking people to fill at end.

5. Asked if anyone had a relation at Barclays. Sarah thinks Santander also match fund.

Easy fundraising might be another revenue stream. Photographer and DVD for the sage- we did last year and could use same people.

Next committee meeting date 11 Mar 17 at 1130.

Concert Costs

The Sage: No Difference in price if just until 8pm. (10.00-22.00). Sage One. £5950

Northern Rock Foundation Hall. £690. Barbour Room. £690

Technical package. TBC on requirements. TBC

Staffing: Say from 10am – 8pm (concert poss at 5pm)

Taking off 3.5hrs (1 member 1.75hr). 7 x 6.5hrs x £24.70. £1123.85.

1x 8.25hr x £24.70. £203.78

Total Cost. £8657.63 **Note: Ticket Sales in 2013 £6488**

Other points Coach / Coaches from 1 pick up point – Northallerton? Programmes – printed at County Hall Ticket sales were £12 and £8 concessions. Ticket sales were £6488 in 2013 (equates to 540 adults) We would probably hire their instruments – otherwise we would require to hire a van etc. Tech I would hope would not be that amount. Unsure of PRS amount payable