

# FIRHOUSE SINGERS NEWSLETTER

## November 2018



### Choir Committee

Adrian Kennedy	Chair
Helen Mulholland	Secretary
Ted Ryan	Treasurer
Emma Higgins	Social Media & Publicity
Elizabeth Thom	
Geraldine Ballance	
Nicola McLachlan	

We are delighted to welcome so many new members this year and hope they enjoy singing our varied repertoire.

### 1. Christmas party

The annual choir Christmas party will be hosted again this year by Emma Higgins. This is a great opportunity for members and especially new members to socialise and "make merry". The piano keys will be kept active, so remember to bring along your favourite song books so that we can sing the night away. As it is a busy time of year, don't worry about forgetting the date as Emma will remind us closer to the time.

### 2. General Meeting

A general meeting of the Firhouse Singers was held on Wednesday 7th November 2018. The present committee remains the same for 2018 - 2019, as none of the membership put their names forward for nomination.

Present Committee:

Geraldine Balance, Emma Higgins, Adrian Kennedy, Nicola MacLachlan, Helen Mulholland, Ted Ryan and Elizabeth Thom.

Attendance: The names of attendees are in the Choir "Sign In" book for 7th Nov.

1. Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed  
Proposed by: Helen Mulholland. Seconded by: Ted Ryan.
2. The Election of Committee  
The outgoing committee members allowed their names to go forward again for election and as there were no other nominations they were deemed elected.  
Proposed by: Anne O'Regan. Seconded by: Helen Magahran.
3. Statement of Accounts 2017/18

These were sent to all members of the choir prior to the General meeting and were approved on proposal of Pauline Baldwin. Seconded by Emma Higgins.

#### 4. Firhouse Singers Constitution

This document was sent out to all members to read prior to the General Meeting and as there were no proposed amendments, the Constitution was adopted on proposal of Eanna Healy. Seconded by Oliver Gallivan.

#### 5. Any Other Business

Emma explained the difficulty in getting tops made for new members of the choir owing to sourcing of fabric etc. Suggestions were made of buying ready-made tops to match the tops already made. A page with the Guidelines for uniforms will be emailed to choir members.

Adrian explained about Members Page on our Website – a good way of communicating with all re: Concerts, Courses on Singing etc.

He also, as a representative for the choir, attends the Arts Meetings of South Dublin Co. Council. He has attended two so far, which have not been successful or worthwhile. He asked for suggestions from members – one suggestion was to bring back the Sunday concerts to the parks.

A suggestion came from Aidan Knight about getting outdoor tops for choir – considered too costly for limited use.

The banners have been ordered – enabling us to display these when we are doing a concert.

“WhatsApp” – Emma is setting up a “WhatsApp” group for the choir so we can communicate re. venues; happenings; etc. She will email the link to the choir members.

## **2. Concerts**

We have arranged to take part in a charity concert on Saturday, 24th November in St. Ann's Church, Dawson Street, Dublin. The performances will commence at 7:00pm and as we will be performing quite early in the concert, we ask members to arrive by 6:15pm at the latest.

Our Christmas performance will be held in Rathfarnham Castle on Thursday, 13th December at 7:30pm. As the venue is quite small, those wishing to attend as audience are advised to book tickets directly with Rathfarnham Castle as early as possible. Tel: 01 493 9462 or rathfarnhamcastle@opw.ie.

## **3. Membership Subscriptions**

Members are reminded that membership subscriptions are now due for the 2018 / 2019 year. It would be helpful to our Treasurer if subscriptions are paid before the

A.G.M. We have managed to keep the choir subscription at €60 euro per year, which may be paid either in two instalments of €30 euro before end of November and the second by end of March or €60 before end of November. It would help the collectors if you would put your subscription into an envelope with the amount (€30 or €60), together with your name and give to one of the collectors.