

MINS FROM MEETING 08/12/09

PRESENT: LOTTIE, JACQUES, JAKE, ABBI, ZOE, PHILLIP.

APOLOGIES: NAOMI, GRACE, JESS.

ROLES.

We discussed briefly today the roles to which people need to be assigned. Having certain people with definite roles would be helpful as publicity officers need to be making posters/leaflets and raising the profile of YMP. Also the website needs to be looked at. If no one person wants to be "in charge" on this then we all need to be having a little bit of input now and again.

- **Chairperson** – *Lottie Thompson & Naomi Knight.*
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- **Deputy chair** – This needs to be someone who can step in for me and Naomi when we're not there. Contributing towards setting the agenda and typing up the minutes if necessary.
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- **Publicity Officers** – *Zoe Bramham & anyone else who wants to help. You need to be raising awareness about who we are and what we're doing, not only to the children in the Solihull music service, but outside too.*
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- **Website Officers** – *Basically you'll be checking on the website, adding any content that we feel is beneficial to the young musicians.*

Also Jacques has been appointed Treasurer (the one who looks after the money), so he will be keeping track of any money spent, what it's spent on and any invoices collected.

PUBLICITY:

We decided that speaking to each band would be the most beneficial way of letting the young musicians know about the panel. As we all know, not everyone takes notice of letters and sheets of paper that are handed out, so having a short chat with each band would be (hopefully) highly productive.

As we have at least one member of the panel on every night, we can share out this responsibility .

As its stands we've got;

- Monday - Phillip (early bands) Phillip & Zoe (Later bands)
- Tuesday - Naomi & Jacques
- Wednesday - Abbi
- Thursday - Grace (Early bands) Lottie & Abbi (Later bands)
- Friday - Abbi.
- Saturday - Lottie Jake Naomi.

Once we've got a plan together of who is going to speak, when and on what nights, we'll devise a brief speech on what we want to say to everyone. Main focus will be not only on recruiting people, but letting people know that we are the "voice" of the young musicians. We also want to make them aware of facilities such as the website, the extranet and who each of us are. If we can recruit at least one person from every band that will be a total success.

WEBSITE;

Rich told us today about a new survey website thing that has been set up. This gives us a chance to evaluate how things in the music service are going, and gives people a chance to voice how they feel anonymously. If we update this maybe every term, or after a run of concerts we can use this to develop any ideas and become aware of any issues which may not have been noticed before.

We've come up with some questions we will possibly use after Christmas;

- What do you think of the music service as a whole?
- What do you think about the venues?
- Do you know of any other venues which would be suitable to hold concerts?
- Did you think the length of the concert was appropriate?
- Would you prefer to see bands of a similar nature on each night?
- Do you think the music is varied enough?

If anyone else can think of any more questions we could ask, regarding the Christmas concerts, and the Autumn/Winter term as a whole please suggest them!

Other things that we discussed were;

- Use of comment boxes - maybe handing out questionnaires at concerts and collecting them at the end? Or leaving one in the entrance/office/tuck area so it available for both students and parents to use, and its anonymous
- General consensus is that people don't want to be doing concerts at Shirley Methodists as frequently as they are. Although this is really quite an ideal place to hold concerts, I'm sure it's quite frustrating to have every concert there.
We came up with some suggestions like;

Langley's Dovehouse Theatre
Arden school hall
The Hub at Lyndon
Alderbrook
Lode Heath
Bushell Hall
Solihull Moors

If people have anymore suggestions please let us know.

If anyone has put any thought into a logo either let us know.
I've got a rough idea, but if others have too lets see them!

THANKSSSSSSSS.