

## **Minutes of the AGM of the F and V Meeting**

**10<sup>th</sup> July 2020 7pm**

**Attendees: Julie Justice, Ian Naylor, Sarah Briggs, Niven Padgett, Gillian Hume, Audrey Foster, Amena Hoyland, Sophie Milner.**

### **1. Ian Naylor - update from SMH**

**Musical Stars** – SMH finances are currently extremely challenging due to covid 19. Working under the umbrella of a local authority provides some protection.

SMH turnover is £1.6m. SMH is currently experiencing a 10% loss of overall income but 30% loss of traded income. SCC will have to pick up many bills as a result of covid 19, including helping SMH. SMH is in a better place than many other Music Hubs; some Music Hubs are likely to have to fold. Music Leaders (MLs) are being paid come what may so SMH is planning to recruit 30 children to the musical Stars (MS) programme.

There will be a new funding application by SMH in March to Dept of Education. Funding stopped because review of Hubs is due and was supposed to be re-evaluated but, because of Brexit a rollover year was granted in March 2020. Then covid hit. SMH is now waiting to see what the results of this are on D of E funding but another rollover year is anticipated.

A new application to D of E needs SCC support. Recently announced Arts Emergency funding is not likely to be available to SMH but there may yet be a specific rescue package for music hubs. No detail yet on the government grants that will be available under the Arts Emergency scheme.

When covid hit SCC tried to redeploy SMH staff but they need to keep delivering music education because they are delivering against core funding requirements. SMH staff have had to completely redesign how they do things. Some good elements of this redesign will stay post covid e.g. less travel.

Thankyou from Ian to the F and V for energy provided in 2020. F and V are a resilient team who will try very hard to respond with a great offer of help in the 2020/21 academic year.

SMH may need help from F and V with a singing campaign. Singing underpins all musical education activity. From a covid risk point of view there is a difference between opera singing, choral singing, whole school singing, and singing for musical learning. Singing is essential for musical learning and there is little evidence that singing in school will contribute to covid spread. A ban on singing damages music education and damages SMH funding (if singing activities can't be delivered).

One of the SMH 4 areas in the SMH Business development plan is about a community of learners and Ian has asked MLs to improve communication to help further this aim. When MLs are communicating well with parents there is a positive feedback loop as the parents support the Hub more, etc. This is true of working with the F and V as well. SM said thank you to the MLs who've worked with us this year and asked that we continue working closely with MLs on fund raising activities.

### **Chair's report**

See attached.

### **Treasurer's report**

See attached.

### **Officers**

Sophie Milner stood down from the post of Secretary and as a Trustee of the F and V Charity.

Chair – Julie Justice nominated by Sophie Milner, seconded by Gillian Hume

Secretary – Kate Whittaker nominated by Julie Justice, seconded by Gillian Hume

Treasurer – Niven Padgett nominated by Sophie Milner, seconded by Audrey Foster

Other Committee members –

Sarah Briggs – nominated by Julie Justice, seconded by Audrey Foster

Audrey Foster – nominated by Sarah Briggs, seconded by Sophie Milner

### **AGM Ended**

**A discussion about 2020/21 fundraising followed the AGM.**

### **Grade 1athon (or grade noneathon? Or something else? )**

Charlotte Boradbent (singing ML) joined the meeting to discuss this with the F and V. The idea is at an early stage. Plan is for a sponsored G1 athon started by hub to inspire people to pick up an instrument and have some fun. People can take an exam if they want to but that's not the main aim. Ideas discussed: G1 athon team; Could the G1ers do a concert? Covid permitting. Connor at the Hub is helping with tech support, perhaps a Vlog/ progress reports.

Amongst the hub MLs are experts in their instruments but it's good for them to learn something new. MLs can help each other but senior students can also help the learners in the role of Student Ambassadors. You learn more about your instrument when you start to teach it so it will be good for them too

This is a great opportunity to work with the wider SMH community. A new digital exam option may provide opportunities. Or get people to prepare 4 pieces to perform to their mentor for feedback.

When to launch? Advantages of doing it sooner are that we need to raise £6,666 before next March for MS. **Julie** to look into the Just giving page options. **Julie** to email David Ross for some words to create the MS 2020 Just giving page.

However, need a bit more time to prepare, get all the details sorted. Publicity material, Student Ambassadors, instruments, etc. Let the schools settle back, see what the covid situation is like, etc. On balance better to launch this around half term autumn 2020.

Charlotte left the meeting.

### **Other fundraising activity for 2020**

#### **Grants and trusts**

South Yorkshire grant page – **Julie** to email out details of funds she's looked at.

JJ has spoken with Gillian who's the administrator of Bluecoats and Church Burgess and Sheffield grammar school grants. Gillian advised SMH to apply to Church Burgess and Sheffield Grammar for

Musical Stars. **Julie** to ask Gillian if any of these trusts would be willing to fund MS on a more ongoing basis.

**Sophie** to update Sheffield Town Trust re delays to delivery of Hubfest.

GH/IN to investigate bigger grants that require music education expert input.

Mayfield Valley Arts may be worth approaching.

**Golf tournament** – social for parents with pie and peas supper. **Audrey** to ask if friends can get a good rate for golf course rental. **Ian** to ask SIV. Model - Organisers charge a rate and the difference between the charge and what the participants pay is the profit to the charity. **Audrey and Julie to take forward.**

**Fashion show** – brand name products at discounted prices. Successful fundraiser in schools. Other companies can bring stalls too. Stallholders pay to attend. Needs a venue. Spring term? Difficulty is in selling the tickets. Can raise several thousand pounds.

**Party/parties for the Children July 2021** - May be 2-3 parties for different ages. Possibly Beginner, intermediate and advanced as the ages within these three types of groups are similar. Celebration and good opportunity to make money so a really important community building event as much as a fund raiser. Carlton social club suggested a s avenue. Include other activities for the children. Could celebrate graduation from one group to the next – progression.

Or do a celebration when we know that the groups can play together in person again.

**Audrey and Amena to take forward**

**Christmas dinner/ dance for adults.** With children doing some performance. OEC at Hillsborough?  
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**Sponsored walk** – via pubs! Can be done under current covid restriction rules. **Niven to investigate.**

**Quiz night.** Could do this online under lockdown with a contribution. Or at a venue involving families.

Revisit relationship with Tesco's. **Sophie** to go to see Julia on Abbeydale Road.

**For further discussion** – How do we develop greater connection between the friend and volunteers?

**DONM** – 7pm, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Venue TBC