MEETING NOTES - Friday 6th June, 2014

Discussion of Music Team and Chorus Matters Vicki, Steph, Jo, Doris, Jenny, Karen, Di, Betty & Heather (apologies Amanda & Alison)

| ITEM | NOTES | WHAT | WHO/WHEN? |
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| Getting back into the medals! | Revitalization ideas – working through Doris' Game Plan | Exercises like numbering off sections 1-4; combining 2 of these into small choruses & performing for other groups as audience. | Vicki; MT (Doris' chart) Ongoing at rehearsals |
| | Listen for various things like: singing to ends of phrases; turning diphthongs; singing through the phrase with consistent open tone; approp/matched vowels that remain consistent (slides/note changes) | On risers have listeners team up with 'number counterpart' in their section | Ongoing |
| | Goal is to show appropriate characterization, choreographic moves, physical energy, emotional portrayal. Every phrase to be physically re-set | Have octets perform in front of chorus in a 'silent performance' (mime). Maybe have 1 or 1 of the number gps sing for them to mime to. | Ongoing Use different directors. |
| | Mirror the re-setting and energizing of the phrase. Get some movement happening! | Peer coaching – visual counterpart | Ongoing – all members as needed |
| | Pod group for Leads for SR's (eg Liz PW, Linda, Lynn, Kaitlyn, Michelle, Rachael & Jo B). | Lead section pods – capitalize on the stronger singers – have them lead small groups & schedule small gp rehearsals once a month. Vicki to work with groups on a | Ongoing – weekly SR's – Vicki to contact & train pod asap. Pod to organize |
| | Allow choice of different nights of the week. SRs at pod leader's home. basses probably to have | fortnightly basis where possible. | schedule and inform section to put their names down. |
| | Other sections to have full SRs once a month (where?) | | Jenny, Karen & Cheryl to organise |
| Tenor shortage | | Kumi and Liz Vosburgh to be asked to sing tenor and learn rep incl Xmas; other leads to be asked to learn specific rep for singouts eg Xmas songs (Linda, Lynn) | Vicki Di to contact & organize prac for Liz & Kumi |
| PVIs for music team | Vicki to train MT on 1:1 basis | Upskill MT | Vicki, tba |
| Evaluation practice | Start with Expression category. | Organise 'judging' sessions for chorus – provide with level descriptors & play int'l level performance, then recording of our performance & score them. | Vicki Chorus to print & bring descriptors |

| MT Quartets | All MT expected to compete in Men's E Region comp 11/10 (morning, at Barker). | MT to organize quartets and discuss rep (less stringent rules than SAI). | MT members & friends! |
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| Scratch Quartets | Encourage new quartets to form (may want to sign up for the above too) | Run scratch quartet night. Provide appropriate song list incl Pure Imagination; I Don't Know | Steph to organize (with Karen, Doris & Di) for 4 th July (location tba) |
| | All quartets to be assessed before allowed to sing out or compete (ie pass basic criteria for public performance as set by SAI – ie correct notes/words; in sync & in tune; correct posture, some movements, emotional connection with audience!) | Enough; Never Say Never; Straighten Up & Fly Right; mass songs etc for which chorus has tracks and music. Schedule performance time for quartets at chorus. | Di – compile song list Vicki |
| Small chorus | Daytime charity singouts when ready (depends on balance & tenor availability). | Determine interest levels and availability for weekly rehearsals, where & when. Learn mass songs & revisit old repertoire. | Steph, Karen, Doris (Steph to send email asking for interest & availability) |
| Men's Show | 22/6 Independent Theatre http://www.theindependent.org.au Car park opp theatre behind church, or underground Ron Dyer Centre; or Ridge St. Car pool! | Arrive noon, show starts 3pm. Rehearsal room upstairs (Vicki & Doris with men's choruses) | Chorus/Vicki Steph to do warmups (walk-on?) etc |
| Coaching | Mo Field & Di Huber tbc (and/or perhaps Jen Howsen, choreo?) | Mo – arr. 14/7 (Monday), chorus coaching Wed 16/7, Fri 18/7 strategic planning with chorus (revisit our vision etc) | Mo/Vicki Email sent to Di H re 8- 15 Oct possibility |
| New members' drive 27/8-17/09 Concert tba | Learn one song (The Climb) Then: Family/friends concert at C Hill RSL/support Sport Matters? | Lesson – SRs – sing together – 30 min breakout room for info session & small gp training | Vicki, over 4 wks Steph/reps from mgt team |
| Dede Nibler road show | Sydney Sat 2 nd August | Chorus encouraged to attend | (From last MTM): Alison to promote in SCB |
| Next meeting | Carry over: repertoire; new members; Hobart; coaching update/discussion; quartets; progress of chorus; CPR – members' own evaluations; submitting risers – etiquette (received by Fri COB after Wed rehearsal, otherwise be counted as following week & may affect performance cutoff dates!) 12 th September at Steph's, 6:30pm dinner meeting | | |