**SGF MINUTES**

**TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2024**

**53 MILL STREET KINGSTON UPON THAMES**

Present: Sandy Gavshon, (Chair); Jayne Britten (Treasurer); Amanda Shaw (Secretary); Helen Dawson; Nigel Duffin; Daisy Jones; Scott Milligan; Sarah Richardson; Jenny Robson; Tony Tresigne.

Apologies: Val Boyle

Minutes: The Minutes of the Last Meeting were approved.

Matters Arising:

 Posters of previous shows have been printed and will be framed by the time of the next production.
Sandy and Nigel will attend the Hall Users Meeting with the Hall Committee on 30 October.
Amanda will present Karina and Adrian with a bottle of champagne to celebrate their marriage.
Veronica had received flowers from the SGF
The Christmas Party will take place on 5th December and be hosted by Daisy.
Val will take over all PR and Publicity for the SGF – shows, meetings etc. Amanda will ask Adrian to assist her in transferring all contact groups to Val.
Nigel will take over membership.
Amanda will continue to do Minutes of AGM and Committee Meetings.
On The Fringe: Sandy will review the last show; Jenny and Janice May. Amanda will ask Jo Need to write an appreciation of Pat Lines and will provide a short piece about the Treloar/Ramnarain wedding.

Financial Report. Please find accounts attached.
The rise in the cost of subscriptions has generally been successful. Those who have not changed their standing orders will be chased.
Jayne commented that she was relieved that there is no increase in the core costs for the society.
It was suggested that Val be given a PR budget.
Discussion took place about raising bar prices but it was agreed that they were fair and profitable as they stand.
Chance Encounters was well received and very profitable.
It was decided, given the positive state of the bank balance, that two donations of £300 would be made to Man & Boy and the Alzheimer’s Society.
Bar stock is in hand for next show.

Forthcoming Productions:

November: Discussion took place about obtaining a second hand keyboard.
There have been 2 rehearsals with the voice coach, Janet Shell, and there will be 4 more. The show is making progress.

Pantomime: All under control. Sandy and Nigel have more or less finalized the script.
The read-through will take place in the Hall on Wednesday 4th December.

May: Sarah is directing Australian play. Nothing further to report.

October: Another Quiz Night and One act play to be directed by Nigel; Tessa and Steve Wells have agreed to do the Quiz.

November. Daisy reported that her mother, a published author, is writing a series of short plays/monologues for the SGF which Daisy will direct.

May 2026 Daisy volunteered to direct another musical offering.

Any Other Business:

 Sandy led the discussion about the 40th Anniversary celebrations of the SGF. It was decided to hold it on Friday 11 April 2025. A sub-committee of Sarah, Daisy, Jayne, Helen and Amanda will be formed. Others are welcome to volunteer.

 Nigel said that he had produced the Trustees’ Report for the Charity Commission and was thanked.

 Tony said that he had investigated getting the Hall listed as a Community Asset. He believes that the process of selling the hall would be very lengthy and funds are available to purchasing community assets.

The Meeting closed at 20.10