



Tune-Ager Times

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Hello everyone,

Well I have now had my flu shot so hopefully one more worry off my mind. I had to book it, no more just walking in. Hope all who plan on getting one this year have no reaction. We have had a taste of winter and now wait for what else 2020 throws at us.

We want to maintain contact with everyone. We understand that not everyone is comfortable using Zoom and that it is impossible for the orchestra to practice that way.

Orchestra Update: Nick and I will be holding Zoom gatherings with the orchestra to meet socially. We understand that the majority of the orchestra is playing with smaller groups and having fun although it may be a challenge sometimes with the social distancing.

Choir Update: The virtual practices are well run by Nick. We do have sectionals with Myrna and Liz singing alto and soprano and Nick and our new friend Andrew singing tenor and bass all safely distancing and wearing their new singing masks. Katie is playing. Hopefully soon we will be able to produce a virtual piece.

Masks for Singing: Liz found them on line and was able to get the pattern. Annabelle is making them and will "sell" them for a donation to the Oasis Food Cupboard. These would be great for people who have decided to double up for practising. If people feel comfortable including another singer in their "bubble" then maybe it would encourage more to join or those on their own enjoy someone else's company in a safe way.

Tote Bags: There are 9 left and only \$15.00 so call Nora (250-462-3080) to get yours before they are all gone! Maybe you know a past Tune-Ager who might like one.

When we put together our Annual Report, we inadvertently left off a 50th Anniversary Report that Nora had put together so it is attached here.

50th Anniversary really did not happen as we expected. However, we did get the bags and lots of plans were made for floats and events. We did have good coverage in the paper and of course our wonderful display which was at the Museum thanks to Pixie and Julie. So, in 2021 we will just carry on in our 51st year and if we have the fortune of performing will mention our 50th otherwise we will not be planning any events to celebrate it.

Gloria Brooks was the Regional Director for BCCF and she has resigned but Frances Chiasson who leads Musaïc Vocal Ensemble has taken over.

50th Anniversary Celebration report to the 2020 AGM

The 50th anniversary committee was formed after a poll was taken from all members with suggestions of what they would like to see/do for their anniversary.

From this poll a committee stepped forth and took respective topics as their job! Nora and Collette took on the reception, Diane Martin took on the float, Pixie and Julie Roberts took on the museum display, Peggy with the Publicity, May was a person to fill in where needed. Ron was handy with the budget figures! Coffee money was used as well.

Dates were hard to come by as so many other facilities were already full. We set on Saturday, April 25th as our reception at the Lakeshore with a room for 250 people. This was in conjunction with "Tune-Agers Week" with our concerts the weekend prior. Cake, balloons, pencils, gold ties, tote bags and scarves were planned with invitations to dignitaries sent out and hand delivered. All was going to plan.

The Logo was chosen "50 Years of Song".

We met every 2 weeks and Diane filled us in on her plans for the August 8th float in the Peach Fest parade. Jim French and Bob Shanks offered their help, along with Joan Skelton. Gold scarves were sewn by Nora and her niece Leona, gold ties were ordered but came in the wrong colour to be returned to a US company that has since gone out of business. Thus, lost our money there. A Canadian company has been found and more ties will be ordered when the time is right.

Canvas was purchased and Annabelle sewed 48 bags with the logo done by ECM Promotions. These have been sold as fundraisers to whoever wanted to buy one for their music – a perfect size. Thank you, Annabelle!

Pencils (288) were ordered with the logo, maroon pencils with gold imprinting. Each member is to get 2 pencils and the rest are for giveaways or to be on-hand.

Then COVID hit and all of our plans stopped. Fortunately, the Lakeshore refunded our full amount for the reception reservation. Invitations were rescinded. Peach Fest is cancelled.

One positive thing – Julie and Pixie were able to put up their display at the museum and it will be there for a month or two. Thanks! It is awesome!

Once we receive news that we can once again proceed with our plans, it may look decidedly different in 2021 or 2022, At least some of our stuff is on hand!

Thanks to all who stepped up for the committee! Much appreciated.

We want to make sure we keep in touch and share our news and updates. If you have any interesting news to share please contact Sarah or Jennifer and we will include it in our newsletters.

Remembrance Day is coming up and a time to remember all those who fought for our freedom. stay safe.

Sarah