

## President's Report

18 September 2022

While looking back through my notebook and calendar to prepare this report, it appeared like August to September was a very slow month for the chorus. But when you look at the few dates that are there, it puts the lie to any notion of idleness. We started our 36th season this month. And not just started it, but we were well prepared for it thanks to the work of any number of people, both Board members and ordinary volunteers, who wanted to help us succeed and were anxious to have us singing regularly again. The rehearsal dates were arranged for us at the Unitarian church, and rooms set aside, music was pulled and organized and copied and sorted for distribution, packets were readied for new members and necessary information printed for the returning members of the chorus. I cannot thank enough all the people that helped make this possible. I won't name names because I know I will forget someone, and I don't want to do that. Just know of my gratitude and joy that is engendered by our pulling toward a common goal.

Even more remarkable, I think, than getting the first rehearsal off the ground was the fact that we held our second rehearsal in this month, and it too went off as though we had never stopped having them for almost 2 years. Take some joy and credit in the ordinary. The season is well organized at this point; venues have been secured at least verbally, although we are still waiting for physical contracts to arrive. We have a strong program laid out that may get tweaked yet but many of the songs already have tracks in place in Groupanizer, so the singers are able to dive right in and begin the work of preparing. But most wonderful of all, the Chorus has grown with three returning singers and two brand new ones, and everyone is enthusiastic for the season ahead.

It's my hope that the enthusiasm and attack that was given to starting off the season will continue through the rest of this semester and give us a push in our preparations for next semester as well as next year.

So much for a quiet month.

Respectfully submitted

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President