

Sacramento Women's Chorus

Annual Report 2020

Mission Statement

Sacramento Women's Chorus builds community through song.

We sing to honor peace, justice, and social equality, and to celebrate the lives of all women.

We strive for musical excellence as we give voice to women's hopes and dreams,
opening hearts and minds through harmony.

We Love to Sing!

Year in Review

We began 2020 with a guest night in January where we welcomed new prospective members.

We also welcomed our new Accompanist, Vutu Nguyen.

The position of Marketing Team Lead was changed to a Board Position of Marketing.

With the onset of the Covid pandemic, we had our last in person rehearsal on March 9. Thereafter, and for the remaining 9 months of 2020 we only met via Zoom. We also began meeting via Zoom for all our Board and Team meetings.

In April, Carol Paskulin began her role as President.

The Chorus Festival Gala 2020, scheduled for July in Minneapolis was cancelled due to the pandemic.

For the first 5 months SWC met socially via Zoom. Robin Richie, Artistic Director, hosted helpful and informative music education and fun Zing-a-Longs where members sang solos that the rest could sing along to, all via Zoom. We had all-member Zoom meetings where we used break out rooms to connect in a smaller setting.

Member Ali Lippman continued her Music Education classes via Zoom.

We also began some limited Outdoor Socials to visit together face to face.

We held our Annual Meeting in November virtually via Zoom with 53 members attending!

In October, member Tiffany Taylor's husband, Dan Comins created a 5-minute video about SWC to showcase who we are.

We participated in Big Dog in May and Giving Tuesday in December; both are nationwide fundraisers.

We also participated in the Gala Leadership Symposium virtually.

Throughout 2020 we committed to paying our Music Professionals, believing that they were instrumental in keeping our members engaged.

In Our Community

We participated in the Sacramento Women's Expo which was held virtually in November.

In December we also participated in the Gala Choruses Virtual Concert, Winter Harmonies, along with 26 other choruses. We were also part of local television station KCRA's Winter Jam virtually.

Concerts

In August, we committed to performing a Virtual Concert in December. We began rehearsals for the V.C. in September with Zoom sectionals run by our dedicated Section Leaders, Anna Murphy, Merri Sue Brown, Dale Wallerstein, and Patricia Wentzel. Robin Richie and Vutu Nguyen also participated.

Member Sharon Henry agreed to do the complicated technology required to put together a virtual concert. Our virtual concert, Hope and Holidays, was held on our YouTube Channel on December 12 and 13 and had 1,647 views.

Our Members

We began 2020 with 82 members and ended the year with 77 members.

Our Team

2020 Board of Directors

President Lily Andrews and Carol Paskulin (as of 4/20)

Vice President Claudia St. John

Secretary Lisa Mackay

Treasurer Sonia Sotello Burt

Marketing Pam Schulz

Internal Ops Jean Schultz

Member at Large Sandi Leahy

Teams

Show Team Lead Jeanine Perry

Music Team Lead De Calvert

Membership Team Lead Jade English

Music Professionals

Artistic Director Robin Richie

Accompanist Vutu Nguyen

Asst. AD and Accompanist Merri Sue Brown

Looking to the future

We are beginning the investigative process of fundraising to purchase new risers.

We are planning for a Virtual Guest night in early 2021 to welcome new members.

We are looking forward to having another Virtual Concert in May 2021.

We are happy to continue and grow our collaboration with the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus. Their President, James Dahlen will be sitting on our Board as a nonvoting member and attending our Board Meetings. SWC President Carol Paskulin will be assuming the same role on SGMC's Board.

Financials

	2020	2019
Revenue	\$31,844	\$49,406
Expenses	\$49,404	\$50,473
Current Assets	\$89,965	\$91,280
Fixed Assets	\$14,725	\$22,071