

Hi Everyone,

Since we met in August, 2009, a lot has happened with our chorus. First of all we are now incorporated as a Section 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which means that we are now totally nonprofit, State and Federal tax-wise. We can apply for larger grants, and all gifts to the organization are tax-deductible. Secondly, our fall concert was the largest one to date. Your Board of Directors has met several times, and our Annual Meeting is to be held in March. When we voted to accept our new set of Bylaws, at the August 2009 Annual Meeting, that meant we also voted that our fiscal year is now January to December, thus the Annual Meeting to be held in mid-winter instead of May.

We are looking forward to our spring concert, Sunday, April 11, at 4PM. The Saturday concert was cancelled, hoping that we would have a larger audience on Sunday, and for financial reasons. I hope that as this goes forward you will all support it by selling tickets, by recruiting ads for our program, and by promoting it in your churches and places of employment. Let's make THIS concert the largest!

Our summer concert is still in the making, but I expect it to be a very successful one. The theme of this concert will be announced soon and I hope that all those who can, will participate. The date of its performance will be Saturday, June 26, time to be announced. It will be held at the Church of the Pilgrimage. And there is also the possibility that the summer concert will be held the previous Saturday at a venue to be announced.

My final request as president is that everyone support the Walk for Music, to be held May 23 in Boston, a 2 and ½ mile walk. More information will be forthcoming on this, but the end result is that all money raised comes right back to the PFC. This is an easy fundraiser and one that ALL can participate in, regardless of whether or not you actually walk in it. As I said more information will be announced soon.

A month or so ago I announced that I will be stepping down as president. This decision was made after months of thinking what was the best for the chorus as well as myself. At our annual meeting we will be electing 5 new members to the board, and then right after that the Board will elect a new president. From that time forward the Board of Directors will be meeting and further working to keep the PFC recognized all over the South Shore and beyond.

Finally I want to thank each of you for making my time as president some of the most fulfilling years of my life. I truly enjoyed working with you and look forward to the years ahead watching the PFC grow even further.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia".

Cynthia Dorchester, President