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## Checking in from the RMT

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Hi!

1. We are healthy. We were awarded a grant from the Clowes Foundation this year and we are using that to support some community outreach and membership activities. We want to grow that relationship in to bigger things. Our long term goal is to be able to move into our own rehearsal space instead of renting space from a church.

2. We usually do a winter show in January or February. But this year our director decided that we would do a Christmas show. So, we are currently working on Christmas songs for a December 15th show. We also have 6 - 7 community performances in the mix. Many of those will be small groups. We have a coaching session with Tori Postma in November and Jim Arns in January. We have a fall retreat planned for November.

3. We would like to get more members and recently ran some membership activities but no one showed up. We were a little discouraged about that, but we do have two new members and have two others currently going through the new membership process. We never know until they sign on the dotted line if they will follow through, but it looks promising. The problem is, though, that every year we lose a few members. That isn't anything new, but in the past we have always added more members than we lost so we were growing ever so slowly or at least staying even. But in the last 3 years we've lost one or two more than we grew, so now our numbers are shrinking. Most of the members who leave are either retiring from singing due to age or health or have moved away. When we have someone leave for other reasons we look at what we might need to change to keep members. We are staying positive and the general vibe of the chorus is positive, so I think we're good.

4. Right now I don't think we need any additional help. Having Sue Pelley in our chorus keeps us up to date on what's happening in the region. We enjoy hearing what is happening in other choruses in the region and support their efforts whenever we can.

Thank you for reaching out to us. Keep up the good work!

Susie

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