Chairperson's Report

Committee

I am grateful for the support I have received throughout the year from my fellow committee members, Campbell Davies and Ruth Price. Campbell continues to act as our Treasurer, and thanks are once again due to him for his production of the annual accounts. Ruth does so much unseen work behind the scenes liaising with our tutors and support organisations. The committee is always looking for new members. It meets about six times per year. If you would like to join us, please feel free to speak to me or to our co-ordinator.

Co-ordinator

Martin Burns continues to act as our co-ordinator, and I am very grateful for all of the administrative work he does both to ensure that everything runs smoothly and to obtain funding from various public and charitable bodies. We thank Martin for keeping classes running so smoothly and for keeping us all informed about when classes are meeting.

Venues

All of this year's classes were held at the Crofthead Community Centre in Dedridge, Livingston, where we have the use of The Steading (and The Tack Room on Mondays). The venue is reasonably well-served by public transport and those attending classes are also able to make use of the café for meals and snacks. A big thank you to Kath in the café for our delicious warm food. In August we started classes at Queen Margaret Hall in Linlithgow and I hope to be able to report favourably on these classes this time next year.

Classes

During 2024/25 MUSAC ran five classes. The cost of each class for all attendees was £5.

Monday from 11:00am to 12:00 noon

Dancing class led by Marcia and assisted by me (Beats of Brazil). There are spaces for 25 at this class. The average class size during 2024/25 was 21.9 (up from 18.8 in 2023/24).

Monday 12:15pm to 1:15pm, and 1:30pm to 2:30pm

Singing classes led by Collette from 'Hear My Music'. There are spaces for 10 at each of these classes. The average number attending singing classes each week during 2024/25 was 13.5 (up from 9.6 in 2023/24).

Thursday from 11:00am to 12:00 noon

Percussion class led by Marcia and assisted by me (Beats of Brazil). There are spaces for 25 at this class. The average class size during 2024/25 was 21.4 (down from 21.8 in 2023/24).

Thursday from 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Drama class led by Amy and Charlie. There are spaces for 15 at this class. The average class size during 2024/25 was 9.4 (up from 8.2 in 2023/24). The drama class

is always looking for new members. They are currently rehearsing for the end-of-term show on **18 December**.

Financial position

Largely because of a successful fundraising campaign this year, MUSAC has a fairly healthy credit balance with thanks to Martin. However, the money raised from class fees falls well short of what we require to meet all of our outgoings, so we will have to look again to obtaining further funding from public bodies and corporate sponsors. Anyone who thinks that they might be able to help in this regard should speak to a committee member or to Martin.

Signed: John Dirkie.....

John Dirkie, Chairperson