

Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)

Minutes, January 10, 2023, 7:00 PM

PVSEA, 700 Temple Ave, Room C3 and Zoom

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Thank you to Betty for refreshments.
 - Meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm and concluded at 9:21 pm. Attendees : Karen Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Richard Garchel, Peggy Smith, Joan Rust, Dorothy Hanchey, Maria Godina, Dorrie Kelly, Trina Manders, Joan Rust, and Serena Villalobos.
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
 - November 8, 2022 Minutes and January 10, 2023 Agenda as amended, Karen Gatchel moved to approve and Peggy Smith seconded, and motion was carried.
- Happenings
 - PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy
 - **Las Colinas via email Reese Copsey-** I still have 3 band classes (year long) at Las Colinas and 2 Digital Music classes (1 semester long). We're returning holiday music for the band classes and starting to do some basics as well as thinking about Solo/Ensemble concerts sometime, maybe end of March. Still have small classes, but they're doing well. Five students in Advanced will audition for Ventura County Honor Band on Wednesday. The Digital Music classes end this first semester on Jan 20th, so I will be starting over with new sets of students for 2nd semester. We are doing a survey of music genres, basic music structure & composition, and a digital app project each week. This class aligns with the high school CTE Digital Music pathway.
 - **Monte Vista & DLA via email Trish Copsey-** MVS Intermediate/Advanced Band students will be turning in sheet music from our December performances and starting on new music for the second half of the year. Beginning band students will continue moving through the method book and starting on new sheet music as well. Quarter 2 ends on January 20th, so all of the wheel classes will be wrapping things up over the next two weeks and new classes will start the week of January 23rd. More than a third of the 1st semester wheel class has requested to join the full-year beginning band class, so I will be working with the counselor to move as many of those students into the full-year program as possible (given schedule constraints). My goal is to get instruments into the hands of the new Music 6 (Intro to Band) class between Feb. 3rd-Feb. 7th. Thanks ahead of time to Betty for helping with this process!
 - **K8 Band & Mariachi via email Raynard Solomon-** We had a successful winter concert on December 14th. The LPSSA Band and the SRTMS Band played together for the first time and they performed beyond my expectations, performing well in their solos and performing really well together. The PVSEA Mariachi also had a successful time, playing their beginning music and being able to play two full songs. After the concert, we reflected on what we did right and what we could improve on, and now we're working towards improving ourselves for our next concert. SRTMS clarinet student Rick Liu made All State Honor Band.
 - **K-5 Music via email Raynard Solomon-** Currently, I am finishing up the last few weeks with my second set of schools – Santa Rosa and Tierra Linda. Classes are going well, students are learning the basics of ukulele and musicianship, especially playing and singing together as a group. The only issues are always with scheduling and finding time to make-up the classes that need to be made up. But other than that, I plan on moving on to the next set of schools by the end of the month – PVSEA and Dos Caminos.
 - **YAA Strings via email Raynard Solomon-** We had a successful winter concert

on December 15th with three ensembles performing their music. The beginners showed off what they learned from the beginning of classes and proved that they are ready to use the bow. The orchestra played their chamber music, and the intermediate strings played their ensemble music, both groups with their successes. We are now getting back to school this week with the beginners beginning to learn how to use their bows and both the intermediate and orchestra ensembles preparing for the SCSBOA Festival at Rancho on March 11th.

- **YAA Guitar & Digital Music via email Mauricio Giron-** Beginning Guitar met for their first day back today. We reviewed the notes and pitches we had learned before the break. I have a group of eager guitar students and they are a pleasure to work with. I have not met with the Guitar ensemble yet. We will be working on our music literacy as most of them are able to play more advanced music than they can read.
- Digital Music has not met yet but before the break we were learning about various cable inputs, microphone types, speakers, and identifying the various parts of a mixer and how to set one up for presentations. In BandLab we went over FX voice recording. We will be diving into history, file types and continuing to create music in partners and groups.
- **YAA The Off Beats via email Reese Copsey-** PVSD YAA The Off Beats returning holiday music binders and getting new binders with Spring music. Hoping to be able to go to Newbury Park HS Jazz Fest on Saturday morning March 18th.
- **PVSD Chorus by Joan Rust-** 1/10/23 was 1st day back for Choir Director Jesus out sick and Sabrina stranded in San Francisco. Elaine Lyle subbed and taught "On top of Spaghetti". Hopefully can post new flyer on PeachJar, still recruiting, offering $\frac{2}{3}$ price for late comers (mid year). \$250/year
- **Proposition 28 by Trina Manders and Dorrie Kelly** - Proposition passed. In 2008 there was one pot of money for: PE/Music/Arts. There needs to be committee with priorities, goals for A) what is best use of the money B) money to be used by Standards of California with all schools involved. Possibly a representative from each school. C) Steps and Standards of curriculum with goals for each grade level.
- **December Events Review by Betty Weyek** - Chorus has 40+ students and fills the room provided. Community Concert at Community Center Park went well. YAA Strings, YAA Guitar and K8 concerts at PVSEA went well.
- **ACHS SCSBOA Festival by Betty Weyek-** Week of March 9 to March 11th, held at Rancho Campana High School. This year there will be no Wednesday night. Last year SOKM hosted one day, provided both Student and Parent volunteers, snacks and food truck. ACHS is offering Friday PM or Saturday at noon. Will need to provide snacks, volunteers from PVSD YAA Orchestra and PVSD YAA The Off Beats parents and SOKM board members.
- **PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter by Dorothy Hanchey-** Karen prepared the December Newsletter and Dorothy sent the reminders out.
- **Honor Band by Karen Gatchel-** Trish Copsey has requested a Flyer for VCHB with general information, Q/A and instrument tutors. Flyer on SOKM website under EVENTS. Auditions 1/11/23, rehearsals in January and Concert 2/5/23. Auditions include a flute, bari sax, alto sax, tuba, 2 percussion, and 2 clarinets.
- **SOKM Donations**
 - **Thank You Letters by Peggy Smith-** have gone out for all donations through 12/31/2022.
 - **Donor Postcards by Karen Gatchel & SOKM Board-** 1000 were mailed out to YAA present and past students, 80 were mailed out to Middle School students. Net received: \$1,011.00
 - **Somis Thursday Club & Yoga Studio by Karen Gatchel-** Collected used instruments

- o to donate to SOKM and donated cash. PVSD YAA The Off Beats played for their luncheon.
 - o **PizzaMan Dan's by Maria Godina**- We received \$98.95 in donations.
 - o **Sharky's 1/19 by Maria Godina**- Flyer in PeachJar and on website. Please spread the word, on social media and emails to family and friends.
 - o **Grants: CSG, MSL by Karen Gatchel**- Usually SOKM requests grants from Camarillo City, Meadowlarks for instruments. Karen would like to check the criteria and organize what instruments are needed and funds to cover costs that we can request. Told there is a break in funding grants to organizations every three years. Would like a set of Guitars then look at bids for other instruments. City of Camarillo deadline 1/13/23 and 2/17/23 for Meadowlarks.
 - o **PVSD Hoover Donation by Betty Weyek**- Howard Hoover donated \$40,000 for 3-5 Ukuleles
- **SOKM Finances – Maria Godina**
 - o FY 2022-23 Financials presented to date
 - o **Reconciled Statements by Richard Gatchel**- both Checking and Savings accounts reconciled. Need to check December statements, Ralph's did not show up, possible adjustments were made.
 - o **FY 2022-22 Forms 990, 199, RRF-1 by Richard Gatchel**- As of 12/08/22 Federal and State taxes filed and Registry of Charitable Trust was filed.
 - o **Instrument Inventory by Betty Weyek**- PVSD built new shelves. Most instruments tagged. Now to clean-up database.
 - o **Beginning Band Instrument Status – Betty Weyek**
 - Purchased 8 Yamaha Saxophones
 - o **Bow Replacements Status via email Raynard Solomon**- I finally was able to check all the bows that were sent to us last month, and they are all accounted for. We now have 13 new bows to be able to replace and add to the instruments in our inventory. Thank you so much for your support!
 - o **Montecito Bank and Trust by Karen Gatchel**- would like SOKM to open an account to increase chances of receiving a grant offered by the bank. Will move funds from Capital One money market account and transfer to an account at Montecito Bank. Then later apply for a grant.
 - **SOKM Board Stuff**
 - o **SWOT Analysis** - SOKM did a SWOT analysis of the state of music in PVSD.
 - o **Celebration of the Sector** - Betty and Karen attended. First large gathering since 2019. Sponsored by CNL and VCCF.
 - o **PTA Roundtable** – Karen Gatchel
 - o **LCAP by Peggy Smith**- Meeting tomorrow 1/11/23.
 - **Next SOKM Board Meeting – Online and 700 Temple Ave, Room C3**
 - o Tuesday, [February 7, 2023](#), 7:00 PM (**1st Tuesday**)