

Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)
Minutes January 11, 2022, 7:00 PM
ZOOM ONLY

- **Welcome and Introductions**

- Happy New Year!
- Virtual Refreshments!
- Meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm. Attendees: Karen Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Richard Gatchel, Nikki Dossman, Peggy Smith, Dorothy Hanchey, Maria Godina, Maurico Giron, Joan Rust, Raynard Solomon and Serena Villalobos.

- **Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda**

- November 9, 2021 Minutes and January 11, 2022 Agenda, Karen moved to approve minutes as presented and agenda as amended and Dorothy Hanchey seconded, and motion was carried.

- **Happenings**

- **PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy**

- **Las Colinas via Reese Copsey-** I have 3 band classes and 2 music appreciation classes. The band classes are a year-long elective; in 2 weeks I switch kids with the art class students. Music Appreciation is a semester class. Las Colinas Advanced Band had several performances in December: a Flash Mob at Nutrition Break and we played at both lunches on December 17th. The Off Beats played for both lunches at Las Colinas on December 10th and for a pre-concert for the Camarillo Community Band on December 12th. It's been fairly busy.
- **Monte Vista & DLA via email Trish Copsey-** All Monte Vista Band students did a great job at their Winter Concert in December and the Intermediate/Advanced students did well when they performed a short holiday set at Nutrition the day before break as well. The quarter/1st semester ends next Friday, so I will be starting a brand new group of beginning band students (part of the 6th grade elective wheel) in a few weeks. I am proud of how well the current students are doing in spite of challenges this year. We are starting to work on new music with the goal of having performances later in the spring. Thanks for your support!
- **K8 by Raynard Solomon-** Beginning Las Posas Elementary started in November, have been progressing well. Will be testing in February. Bows are being used.
- **YAA Strings by Raynard Solomon-** Advanced concepts in Orchestra with new music.
- **YAA Guitar & YAA Digital Music by Mauricio Giron-** Concert went well. Students working in Google Classroom, learning Standard notation. Given left hand finger exercises to help with endurance. Digital Music has 2 classes left. Students have produced interesting music, each has composed their own music.
- **TK-5 Music, YAA Ukulele - Karine Szakos-** reported TK-5 students 2nd session at Las Posas and Tierra Linda Elementary Schools. YAA Ukulele class is going well
- **PVSD Chorus by Joan Rust-** a Volunteer helped related to a Covid

Positive staff member. In the future, looking for ways to prepare if members are out. Need 3 volunteers with teachers to help with inside and outside practices. Possibly hold all on ZOOM. Challenges with location. Currently, the Gym is not available for the rest of the year, MPR also is not available related to Boys/Girls Club is being renovated. Possibly may need to split in 2 classrooms related to 30+ kids. The Camarillo Christmas Parade went fast. Hope there are concerts at the end of the year.

- **Community Concert 12/4 Review by Betty Weyek-** Reese Copsey was happy being able to move around the equipment easily. Facebook had many likes and comments with people very impressed. A very emotional day for all – first concert in 18 months after COVID shutdowns.
- **All State Honor Groups – Karen Gatchel.** Rick Liu, clarinet from SRTMS made All State Honor Band and Peter Umipig, cello from YAA made All State Honor Orchestra. Ventura County Honor Band auditions in January.
- **Rose Parade (Rene Godina) by Betty Weyek-** First ever float and band with all Band Directors. Rene Godina and Mr. Rivera marched in the band. Pictures are on SOKM Facebook page.
- **PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter by Dorothy Hanchey-** went out with Amazon Smile, Ralph's and IGive information. Panda Express Family Fun Night fliers went out. Next Newsletter will have Honor Band Kids.
- **PTA Roundtable by Karen Gatchel-** Dr. Cortes ran the meeting, a big distribution of District office staff subbing for all schools needing staff due to COVID absences. No plans for testing or vaccine at PVSD sites due to lack of parking and facilities.
- **SOKM Donations**
 - **Family Fun Nights 2021-22 by Maria Godina-** Panda Express same day as Winter Concert, awaiting donation results, should be within the next 2 weeks. For future Family Fun Nights recommendations: Country Harvest, Ottavios, BLVD Burgers, Maria will check on dates.
 - **Thank You Letters by Peggy Smith-** none in November. Used NeonCRM to print and mailed for December.
 - Becky Cramer- PVSD Board President received a SOKM postcard, tested the QR Code and made a donation!

- **SOKM Finances – Maria Godina**
 - **FY 2021-22 Financials.** Maria reviewed transactions since November meeting.
 - **PVSD YAA Donations (1/20) by Karen Gatchel-** Meadowlark Grant is due next month. In 2021 SOKM asked for Covid Items. Camarillo City Grant is due Friday 1/14/22. In 2021 SOKM requested Smart Music subscriptions. With combined grants, we hope to buy 1 set of Beginning Band instruments (flutes, clarinets, trumpets, saxophones, trombones, baritones, tuba, tubular bells, xylophones, $\frac{3}{4}$ electric guitars, and $\frac{3}{4}$ electric bass guitars. Trish Copsey requested a set of clarinets, currently running low.
 - **PVSD Donation (1/20).** Dr. Cortes will make the presentation of the SOKM donation as part of the Superintendent's Report due to COVID restrictions. Karen will provide slides and a narrative for her. Will need to check what balance is left from last year's reserves.
 - **MagicJack Phone Renewed –** Karen Gatchel. Device and Vanity number renewed for 2022.
 - **Dec 2021 Postcard by Karen Gatchel-** 1,500 postcards were printed, 1,100 were mailed out, 400 handed out to middle school families on 12/4, about 60 returned cards. Total donations received from 10 people. Need to brainstorm ideas to get more community members to donate funds. Possibly in the Fall give one to each middle school student with explanations of how donations are spent with QR Code and SOKM website.
 - **Reconciled Statements by Richard Gatchel-** checking is reconciled with one outstanding check.
 - **FY 2020-21 990, 199 and RRF-1 by Richard Gatchel-** 990 EZ, 199 and RRF-1 were prepared by Richard Gatchel and submitted prior to 12/15/21 deadline, with fees of \$25 for Registry of Charitable Trusts.
 - **Revising 2021-22 Budget by Karen Gatchel-** Changes in Draft 1-11-2022 SOKM budget, Karen moved with changes highlighted in yellow, Peggy Smith seconded and motion was carried.

- **SOKM Board Stuff – Karen Gatchel**
 - **Board Policies Review by Karen Gatchel-** will combine all SOKM Board Policies into one Policy. Board members reviewed and will approve at Feb. meeting.

- **Next SOKM Board Meeting –** Online or Location TBA
 - Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 7:00 PM