

Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)

Agenda, February 7, 2023, 7:00 PM

PVSEA, 700 Temple Ave, Room C3 and Zoom

- **Welcome and Introductions**
 - Thank you to Richard for refreshments
 - Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Attendees: Karen Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Richard Gatchel, Peggy Smith, Joan Rust, Dorothy Hanchey, Dorrie Kelly, Serena Villalobos and guest Eileen Lyle.
- **Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda**
 - January 10, 2023 Minutes and February 7, 2023 Agenda as amended moved to approve as presented by Karen Gatchel and Richard Gatchel seconded and motion was passed.
- **Happenings**
 - **PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy**
 - **Las Colinas by Reese Copsey** via email- as Colinas Advanced and Intermediate Bands are starting work for Solo/Ensemble performances in March at Las Colinas - a concert in the "park" at Mustang Highway late afternoon. Other LC performances will be our annual Recruit Bus Tour to 3 elementary schools, Spring Concert at LC, Open House, and playing for Graduation. Thank you to Betty for all the instruments and contracts recently. A big job!
 - **Monte Vista & DLA by Trish Copsey-** Monte Vista Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Band students are working on music for their spring performances. The Int/Adv students will be performing a Solo/Ensemble Concert on Tuesday, March 28th at Monte Vista. We are still working on dates for recruiting at the elementary schools and a performance at Open House. All band students will be performing at the MVS Spring Concert on Friday, May 19th.
 - The new elective wheel Music 6 (Intro to Band) students have started getting instruments and I hope to have that process finished by the end of the week. Thanks to Betty for helping to make that happen!
 - Students who wanted to participate played in the MVS Pep Band at all the home games during the regular season this year (after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays), which started in December and wrapped up last week. Generally, we had between 8-15 students performing, depending on schedules/availability. The students seemed to enjoy playing some different music and contributing to the school spirit at our basketball games.
 - **K8 Band & Mariachi by Raynard Solomon-** Both the LPSSA and SRTMS beginning bands are working hard learning new concepts every week and preparing for the end of the year concert. Pretty soon we will start working on their first big ensemble piece in the book, and we'll work from there.
 - Beginning Mariachi is doing well, the three new students that joined us after the guest concert last December have finally caught up and are playing along with us in all of our pieces. We're finishing up the mariachi tune we've been working on and starting another soon, all to prepare for the end of the year concert.
 - **K-5 Music by Raynard Solomon-** I have started ukulele with my 3rd block of schools – Dos Caminos and PVSEA. It has been business as usual, starting off with how to open the case properly and going to how to strum properly then going into their first chord after they prove they can play together and follow instructions. All the students still seem excited, especially at Dos Caminos since last year they had ukulele with Karine. I spoke with Mr. Waggoner, the principal, asked me if I was available after my session with them to do more ukulele, but I declined as I still have 3 more schools to teach before the year is over.

- **YAA Strings by Raynard Solomon-** All my string ensembles are progressing well. My beginners are working on improving their bow sounds and control of the bow while practicing their musicianship, all working towards learning new concepts. My intermediate strings are working hard on their music in preparation for the Rancho Campana festival on Saturday March 11th. Our performance timeslot is at 5pm, and I will get the word out to parents soon. The string orchestra will also be performing with the intermediate strings so that they can have that experience as well. String Orchestra is doing well, working on the festival pieces but also pieces that they will be working on for the end of the year concert.
- **YAA Guitar & Digital Music by Mauricio Giron-** Students are currently working on analysis of songs they listen to. Understanding form is essential to composing their own songs. They are actively listening to the instruments in the music and identifying when they start and stop. Some students are finding just how complex or simple the songs are. They will be creating songs on BandLab using the form that they analyze from the songs.
- **Beginning Guitar:** Students have finished learning notes on the first four strings as of now and we will be working on notes on the last two strings. Students are continuing to work hard and practicing which shows in their progress. I handed out their first two pieces today. They were surprised but I know they will be able to work through the pieces.
- **Guitar Ensemble:** These students are currently working on 2 pieces. One of them will be played acoustically. We are also going over repertoire that we can play for the bus tour. They are having fun and learning.
- **YAA The Off Beats by Reese Copsey** via email- Off Beats are anticipating the Newbury Park HS Jazz Festival on Saturday March 18. They will also play at Spring Concert at LC, do a Recruit Tour to 3 elementary schools, and a final performance somewhere on our last rehearsal day this year.
- **PVSD Chorus by Joan Rust-** Betty Weyek has assisted in confirming a concert date of 5/23/23 at Dos Caminos School. Still looking for more students. Recently Eileen has arranged music for students when the current directors were unavailable. Eileen will organize a fundraising committee with Choir parents to help. Eileen Lyle has 25 years experience as a teacher.
- **PVSD Meeting – Karen Gatchel**
 - **Prop 28 Graphic – Trina and Dorrie-** Karen Gatchel and Betty Weyek meet with PVSD Superintendent to discuss funding and were informed that the State of California has not provided dollar amounts or dates when funding will be coming.
- **ACHS SCSBOA Festival by Karen Gatchel-** YAA Orchestra will be attending this year performing 3/11 at 5pm. SOKM will not be providing volunteers this year.
- **PVSD Board Meeting 4/20 @ 6 pm – Karen Gatchel-** New date.
- **PVSD Music Calendar – Betty Weyek**
- **Disney Performing Arts – Betty Weyek**
 - **Buses-** Betty moved that we increase the budget for buses to \$3,336 due to the increased costs for buses. Second, Approved.
- **PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter – Dorothy Hanchey**
- **Honor Bands-** Congratulations to our Ventura County Honor Band students. From MVS: Jason Meyring, Tuba, and Ture Foley, Trombone. From Las Colinas: Kaitlyn Wu, flute, Callum Smith, clarinet, Jaxon Lozano and Jeremy Wiegman, percussion. From SRTMS: Rick Liu, clarinet. Rick Liu was also selected for All State. All State concert will be on March 14, 2023, 7:00 PM in Fresno. Our VCHS students performed Feb 5th.
- **SOKM Donations**

- **Thank You Letters – Peggy Smith**-January 2023 done.
 - **Sharky's 1/19 – Maria Godina**- SOKM received \$375 in donations.
 - **Grants: CSG, MSL – Karen Gatchel**
 - **Urbane Cafe**- Fundraiser for March 15th from 4pm to 9pm
 - **SOKM Finances**
 - **FY 2022-23 Financials**
 - **Reconciled Statements – Richard Gatchel**- Checking account completed to 01/31/23.
 - **Capital One to Montecito Bank – Karen Gatchel**- Montecito Bank has a grant application process and having an account there might increase our chances of a successful grant application. We are transferring the money from our current account at Capital One Money Market Account to our checking account at Pacific Western Bank, and closing the Capital One Money Market account. Then we will process the paperwork to open a money market account at Montecito Bank.
 - **Instrument Inventory – Betty Weyek**- Progressing.
 - **Beginning Band Instrument Status – Betty Weyek**- We have ordered from Henson's Music: 16 clarinets, 10 trumpets, and 8 flutes and from Woodwind Brasswind we have ordered 8 alto saxophones, all totaling \$23,893.56.
- SOKM Board Stuff
 - **PTA Roundtable** – Karen Gatchel
 - **LCAP** – Peggy Smith- has been rescheduled for next week.
 - Next SOKM Board Meeting – Online and 700 Temple Ave, Room C3