

Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)
Minutes February 8, 2022, 7:00 PM
ZOOM ONLY

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Virtual Refreshments!
 - Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm. Attendees: Karen Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Richard Gatchel, Peggy Smith, Dorothy Hanchey, Maria Godina, Mauricio Giron, Joan Rust, Karine Szakos, Raynard Solomon and Serena Villalobos.
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
 - January 11, 2022 Minutes and February 8, 2022 Agenda, Karen moved to approve minutes as presented and Betty seconded, and motion was carried.
- Happenings
 - PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy
 - Las Colinas- Reese Copsey via email- LC has 3 full year band classes and 2 semester long music appreciation elective classes. Our band classes are still not allowed to rehearse inside the classroom, but we are fortunate to be able to spend a few minutes most days practicing on the lawn about 50 yards from the classroom. We're on a regular 53 minutes schedule with 6 classes each day for students. Rehearsal time is somewhat constrained by the mechanics of moving equipment and we are subject to weather, wind is beautiful! But we do get to play most days. I'm anticipating LCS local Solo/Ensemble performances for the Advanced and (hopefully) Intermediate band classes. The Advance Band has played at the Camarillo Library for a number of years, but that's not an option right now. I'm not yet on the school calendar but I'd like to have performances, possibly the last week of March here at school outside the band room. Spring Break is the 2nd week of April.
 - Off Beats- Reese Copsey via email- The Off Beats are meeting Mondays and Wednesdays after school, again outside the band room, since we aren't allowed to play inside. We traditionally have gone to the Newbury Park Jazz Festival, but with the limits of rehearsals, and student instrumentation, we can't play jazz charts that would be appropriate. I'd like to have outside parent performance instead this year at LCS, again not yet on the calendar. All the students in the group attend LCS, so I'm hoping that we don't have problems with District COVID protocols. Thank You for the instruments, supplies, repairs, and the bell cover support! or We wouldn't have a program this year and wouldn't be able to play at all. I only have about 80 students, down from twice that many a couple years ago. But at least we are playing!
 - Monte Vista & DLA- Trish Copsey via email- Full year MVCS band students are working on new music for possible performances later in the spring. We don't have any set dates yet, but are hoping to put together at least 2-3 performances before the end of the year. Due to weather, we have not had as much rehearsal time as in the past years, but we are trying to do the best we can under the circumstances. The new 6th grade

elective wheel class just got their instruments this week (thank you Betty!) and they have been able to make sound and most are already able to play their first three notes. A big “thank you!” to SOKM for providing funds for all the instrument supplies, bell covers, and repairs. We would not have a program without your help. Also, only been able to play once within the last 2 weeks related to wind and weather.

- K8 by Raynard Solomon- meetings were in isolation, 7-18 students have missed class in the last 2 weeks. LP students have started to use the bow and sight read.
- YAA Strings by Raynard Solomon- Beginning Strings are working from the book. students will be tested on metronome and rhythm. Intermediate Strings and Orchestra can steadily play 4 pieces now.
- YAA Guitar & YAA Digital Music by Mauricio Giron- Guitar students are practicing with left hand exercises and reading notations. Many students can play “Ode to Joy”, which is 2 strings.
- TK-5 Music, YAA Ukulele by Karine Szakos- Tierra Linda, Dos Caminos and Las Posas are in the second half of sessions. Teachers are complaining that it’s not enough music. At Las Posas, Mr. Riley would like Ukulele for 4th and 5th graders next year. At Dos Caminos, there will be a vote to have during school day, 6 weeks starting in March, music twice a week for both 4th and 5th graders. YAA students don’t want to sing while playing. All the students know the basics, the kids will choose songs and learn the notes on the staff.
- PVSD Chorus by Joan Rust- Hoping to have a concert in May, a date has been proposed, possibly the last day of rehearsal. In the works on a bad weather plan but nothing yet. End of April will be a Family Fun Night. 2 weeks ago all classes were via ZOOM, to prep on how to do all ZOOM. trying a hybrid every week as always, ZOOM is an option. There have been 25 singers in person with ZOOM. Will have all ZOOM if 40+ students, there are 10 new students interested.
- Honor Groups by Raynard Solomon- Rick Liu a 7th grader first chair Clarinet at SRTMS player and Peter Umipig from YAA, a Cello player have made All State Middle School Ensembles, going to Fresno in February. Rick will be playing first chair clarinet at Ventura County Honor Band as well. PVSD has had a middle school musician in the Ventura County Middle School Honor Band every year since the inception in 2006!
- PTA Roundtable by Karen Gatchel- on 2/3/22, it was re-evaluated what students can do at PVSD. No assemblies. There will be grants to expand TK programs, extra help, and counseling. There will be changes in start times for TK-5th graders.
- PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter by Dorothy Hanchey- this week the flier for Ottavio’s Family Fun Night 2/23/22, the Honor Band Kids with pictures.
- SOKM Donations
 - Family Fun Nights 2021-22 by Maria Godina- Julie from Ottavio’s help set up. Fundraiser will start at 3:30 pm to closing, for both pick up or dine in orders. Fliers will be posted on SOKM Facebook page, on Twitter, in PeachJar, and on

- the SOKM website. Will contact Country Harvest to try and set up a fundraiser.
 - Meadowlark Service League Grant by Karen Gatchel, requested 11 clarinets for \$4,424, will know in June.
 - City of Camarillo CSG Grant by Karen Gatchel, requested 4 alto saxes for \$3,925.
 - With current funds and grants, would like to have a classroom set of Beginning Instrument Set including: flutes, clarinets, alto saxophones, trumpets, trombones, baritones, bell sets; electric guitars, and ukuleles.
 - Thank You Letters by Peggy Smith- printed from CRM and Peggy will send out.
- SOKM Finances – Maria Godina
 - FY 2021-22 Financials presented by Maria
 - Reconciled Statements by Richard Gatchel- all up to date in checking, savings account for quarterly at the end of March.
 - Instrument Inventory by Betty Weyek- Band room and stockroom was cleaned by Betty. All the water and sodas were expired, some leaked and molded. PVSD ASB emptied out the sodas and water, recycled the cans and the money was donated to the ASB. Betty has been working off both Betty's and SOKM's inventory lists to combine into one master list. Suggested possible barcode instruments to later scan and link to each student. This summer SOKM Board members will count, code, tag and take pictures of each instrument.
- SOKM Board Stuff – Karen Gatchel
 - SCSBOA Camarillo Festival (3/25) by Karen Gatchel- SOKM will be responsible for all duties on Friday 3/25/22 Festival. Karen moved to participate with volunteers and food, Serena second, motion was carried. A SignUp Genius will go out to SOKM Board Members. Everyone must volunteer. Maria will check on Hot food trucks from 3-10 pm. Suggestions: Mr. Softee and The Habit truck. Things needed: PAYPAL/ cash payments, check-in table, adults in lobby supervising 4 students/ACHS students, stage crew, an announcer, metal table with snacks, host table, need to buy food.
 - SOKM Board Policies Approval by Karen Gatchel. Karen moved draft 3, Dorothy seconded and the motion was carried.
- Next SOKM Board Meeting – Online or Location TBA
 - Tuesday, [March 8, 2022](#), 7:00 PM