

## Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)

Minutes, February 11, 2020, 7:00 PM

- Welcome and Introductions
  - Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm
  - Thank you to Cathy for refreshments
  - Karen Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Richard Gatchel, Nikki Dossman, Nance Chaubell, Cathy Crook, Dorothy Hanchey, Kendra Abernathy, Rene Godina and Serena Villalobos were present.
  
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
  - January 14, 2020 Minutes- tabled until finished draft for approval
  - February 11, 2020 Agenda- Karen moved to accept, Nance seconded, motion passed.
  
- Happenings
  - PVSD Music Department Update
    - Las Colinas Music via email Reese Copsey- LC Advanced Band is preparing for the Camarillo Library Solo/Ensemble Concert on March 10<sup>th</sup> and their annual elementary schools recruiting Tour on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Chair Students are invited to be part of the ACHS Honor Band Concert on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Advanced Intermediate class will have a Solo/Ensemble Presentation for parents at LC on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Other classes are working on solos and are beginning to prepare music for the Spring Concert in May.
    - Monte Vista Music via email Trish Copsey- MV full-year classes have started working on music for all of their spring performances. The MV Advanced Band will be performing their Solo/Ensemble Concert at the Camarillo Library on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> and the Advance Band Recruiting Tour will be April 7<sup>th</sup>. Intermediate students are working on a small group American Music project and the full-year Beginning Band is now working on their 3<sup>rd</sup> piece of sheet music "Let's Go Band!" The new elective wheel classes have started. Music Appreciation students are learning piano basics in the MVS Keyboard Lab and the new 6<sup>th</sup> grade Beginning Band class will start playing instruments this week. I hope everyone enjoys the President's Week break!
    - Los Primeros School of Arts and Sciences Music by Rene Godina- Mr. Sachs from RCHS visited the students on 2/11/20. Received guitars for Mariachi, waiting for cases, checking prices to order. Mariachi will get-traditional music for Festival in late April, need to check the dates. The Festival will be judged. Waiting to reserve a bus for transportation.

- Pleasant Valley School of Engineering and Arts Music by Rene Godina- Intermediate bands are working on sheet music for the Spring Concerts.
- Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School Music by Rene Godina. All K-8's Intermediate bands are working on sheet music for the Spring Concerts.
- TK-3 General Music by Karine Szakos 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter was good. Start of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will go to NWS concert 3/18.
- PVSD Youth Arts Academy (YAA) Music Update
  - YAA Beg & Int Strings, Orchestra by Rene Godina- Mr. Cameron Guerrero from ACHS visited with YAA Strings students last week. Mr. Alexander Tseitlin from CVYO worked with YAA Orchestra last week. He will try and return prior to Festival and Spring Break. Beginning Strings on bows. Intermediate Strings are working on sheet music learning for the Bus Tour. Orchestra will be performing in the SCSBOA Festival on 3/28, unsure of the time.
  - YAA Beg & Int Guitar, Beg Ukulele – Mauricio Giron. Working toward Spring concert music.
  - YAA The Off Beats via email Reese Copsey- Off Beats are planning on the Newbury Park HS Jazz Festival on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>. It's already a busy time of year.
  - PVSD Chorus via email Joan Rust & Vincent Dominguez- We're hovering around 50 enrollees with about 40 attendance each week. 65 capacity Still welcome new singers. One attended last week- opened up registration ½ year \$125 suggested donation. Emma Zandbergen has started as Asst. Music Director and it's going well. Vincent has given her several songs to conduct. PVSEA graciously lets the chorus use a second room for sectionals. Last week, the boys worked on a special song in the second room, and the girls did the same in MPR. Vincent is planning an in-house concert during rehearsal on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>. Music is from Disney movies. Looking to plan a restaurant night at El Tecolote. No date yet.
- Honor Group Results by Betty Weyek-**Ventura County Honor Band**- Hanna Lee, clarinet; Allison Joaquin, clarinet; and Chelsea Aryeetey, trumpet. Performed on Sunday 2/9/20. **All Sothern California Middle School Honor String Orchestra**- Rosemarie Umipig, violinist. Performed at SCSBOA Conference on Saturday, January 18, 2020.
- Karen would like a Saturday Honor Band information day in September for students and parents. Then December and January prior to auditions, have coaches for every instrument paid by SOKM.
- ACHS Honor Band by Betty Weyek-First chairs from MVS, LCS and SRTMS were invited to be part of the ACHS Honor Band Concert on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

- NWS Music Van by Betty Weyek- First 2 weeks in March, every day different schools, will need volunteers.
  - Library Concerts (3/10 MVS, 3/17 LCS) by Betty Weyek- see LC/MV
  - SCSBOA Festival @ RCHS PAC 3/25 4pm to 10 pm by Betty Weyek. Karen will set up Sign-Up Genius for volunteers. Each SOKM board member will be in-charge of one group. Jobs start at 4 pm in 2 hour shifts. Judge runners, door monitors, stagehands, check-in, trophies, snack table and announcements. Will need ice, prepackaged stuff to buy at Costco \$1 each or \$2 each. 110 students, 220 people.
  - Disney Performing Arts Workshop by Betty Weyek- NRCM was set up by Dick. Students/ chaperones go to SOKM Website to register.
  - PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter done by Dorothy Hanchey. Thank you!
- SOKM Finances – Betty Weyek
    - FY 2019-20 Financials- bought 4 trombones with Meadowlark Service Grant 2019.
    - Reconciled Statements by Richard Gatchel- up to date January 2010. Savings account up to date December 2019.
    - On SOKM website, using QR codes you can donate directly to SOKM.
- SOKM Donations
    - Grant Requests 2020 & Purchases 2019 by Karen Gatchel – requested \$3,400 for 10 trumpets from Camarillo City Council. Requesting 3 cellos, 2 bass clarinets from Meadowlarks Service League. Requesting a Walmart grant for \$1,400 for bows,  $\frac{3}{4}$  size.
    - Restaurant Nights by Serena Villalobos- May dates are held MV 5/15 and LC 5/16 with Mister Softee. Times TBD. Need to contact Topper's for fundraiser.
    - Updated Donor List by Nikki Dossman. Thank you!
    - Thank You Letters for December 2019 done by Peggy Smith
- SOKM Board Stuff
    - PTA Roundtable by Karen Gatchel- OUHSD and PVSD proposing 2-year calendar to coincide with college schedule.
    - Summer school will start Monday to Friday starting this year.
    - Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm
- Next SOKM Board Meeting – 700 Temple Ave, Camarillo CA 93010, Room C3
    - Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 7:00 PM