

**Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)**  
Minutes, February 9, 2021, 7:00 PM  
ZOOM Meeting

- Welcome and Introductions
  - Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm
  - Attendees were Karen Gatchel, Richard Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Nikki Dossman, Nance Chaubell, Peggy Smith, Dorothy Hanchey, Maria Godina, Rene Godina, Joan Rust, Karine Szakos, and Serena Villalobos
  
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
  - January 12, 2021 Minutes, February 9, 2021 Agenda with addendum moved to approve by Karen Gatchel, Peggy Smith seconded, and the motion was carried.
  
- Happenings
  - PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy 2020-21 Update
    - Las Colinas - no report
    - Monte Vista – no report
    - K8 & DLA by Rene Godina – K-8 are working from the book and using bows. They are half-way through the book assignments through Smart Music. They are able to work at their own pace. DLA are working from the book with some outside the book, Beginning, Intermediate and one Advanced student.
    - YAA Strings by Rene Godina – students are working from the book and using Smart Music. Students need to use headphone, requesting funds for students who do not have headphones to use while using Smart Music. Renee is able to hear background noise. Will ask students who will need them during next class.
    - YAA Guitar & Ukulele via text by Mauricio Giron- Beginning guitar and Ukulele are working through the book and focusing on playing simple play along songs through YouTube. I am drilling them on reading notes and also learning scales. Intermediate guitar has various levels. We are using Smart Music as one of the means for recording. The students are performing for each other on Zoom. We are playing through the book. The more advanced group is working on a few pieces while the intermediate students are being drilled on various exercises which include note reading, various scales, right hand and left hand exercises. Hoping to have a recording my March.
    - 1-3 Music, YAA Music & Movement, YAA Beg. Piano by Karine Szakos – Piano has 15-20 students on a regular basis that are

progressing. 1-3 music in schools: Tierra Linda and Dos Caminos are the two schools in this time rotation. Both teachers and students are happy. YAA Music & Movement only has 4-5 regulars.

- PVSD Chorus by Joan Rust – Vincent and Emma are teaching a song in Swahili. There are 12 new students in Choir.
- PVSD Superintendent by Betty Weyek- Angelica Ramsey will be moving to Texas. 2 retired Superintendents will cover as a tag team until July 2021: Richard Tauer and Alan Rasmussen.
- SOKM 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Betty Weyek- in May 1991 at a Spring Concert, Betty Weyek met Reese Copsey, who took signatures, started a petition which was taken to a Superintendent meeting with businesspeople to save music in the PVSD schools. That's how SOKM was born. In 1991 a task force held garage sales to raise \$4,000.00 for a down payment to donate. SOKM became a non-profit organization in 1995.

How will we Celebrate? Suggestions: possible ACORN interview of founding members, possible performance of all the former students with a song most of the music students know, Daniel Cook recording a company of each performer and put together. Joan Rust suggested, there is a \$20 submission per track to record. There could be rehearsals via ZOOM without sound and later synched. We can order T-shirts, stickers for all current students, maybe with a PUN regarding Covid/30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary printed on them. Suggestions of video taping interviews and archive for the website with current students and past music teachers.

- PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter – Dorothy Hanchey
- SOKM Donations
  - Family Fun Nights by Serena Villalobos- Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Ottavio's. Flyer pending, will be sending via email to post on SOKM website and send in Peach Jar.
  - Meadowlark Service League Grant by Karen Gatchel – received an application for grants due 2/26/21. Asking for supplies example: masks with holes for mouths, covers for bells of instruments.
  - Thank You Letters – Peggy Smith
- SOKM Finances – Maria Godina
  - FY 2020-21 Financials – Maria Godina
  - Reconciled Statements – Richard Gatchel
  - Neon CRM pricing by Karen Gatchel – SOKM is a legacy company at \$50/month. Now all new package \$121/month with >1000 contacts. Karen motioned to continue, Nance Chaubell 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

- SOKM Board Stuff
  - PTA Roundtable by Karen Gatchel – All new Kindergarteners have forms that need to be uploaded in Q-Parent. Interest in distance learning academy to continue. 415 students left the PVSD District, and outreach checking if students want to return. Vaccines no priority yet.
  - LCAP by Nikki Dossman – Renew continuity plan, to define what LCAP is, moneys PVSD receives per student. Decreased number of people like Peach Jar. Students losing social skills since stay-at home order. How to address loss. Black board: what matters to you.
  - SOKM Website by Karen Gatchel – was developed 2008, which is out of date, Karen needs to meet with Dick in March to discuss SOKM needs and be hack-free. Will come back with proposal.
  
- Next SOKM Board Meeting – Online or Location TBA
  - Tuesday, [March 9, 2021](#), 7:00 PM