

Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)

Minutes for March 8, 2022, 7:00 PM meeting.

Was in person at Betty's House and ZOOM

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Thank you to Betty for refreshments. Meeting was called to order at 7:17 pm. Attendees: Karen Gatchel, Richard Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Nikki Dossman, Peggy Smith, Dorothy Hanchey, Maria Godina, Joan Rust, Raynard Solomon, and Serena Villalobos.

- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
 - February 11, 2022 Minutes and March 8, 2022 Agenda as amended. Karen Gatchel moved to approve and Dorothy Hanchey seconded, and the motion was carried.

- Happenings
 - PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy
 - **Las Colinas** via email Reese Copsey- LCS is still practicing outside with the 3 band classes, weather permitting At least we get to play a small amount together most days. The advanced Band class is anticipating a Solo/Ensemble Concert, in lieu of Camarillo Library, on Tuesday March 22nd outside the band room for families of students. A short concert at 6:00 pm should work- sunset is at 7:09 pm. The Intermediate and Beginning classes are continuing to work on building skills playing together, as well as having short individual solo times.
 - **YAA The Off Beats** are hoping to have a family concert on Saturday April 2nd at noon, again outside the band room at LCS. I'll ask Betty to do facilities request when I have feedback from families if they are available. Normally, we would be playing at the Newbury Park HS Jazz Concert. Always a very busy school schedule. Thank you for the support with instruments and bell covers so that we can keep playing.
 - **Monte Vista & DLA** via email Trish Copsey- The Monte Vista Band students are making progress, and they are looking forward to being able to start rehearsing inside soon. Windy weather has had a negative impact on rehearsal time over the last two months, but the students have been very flexible and stayed positive. We are starting to look at possible performance dates for later in the spring that may include: a recruiting Tour, an Open House Performance, and a Spring Concert. Hopefully, we should have those dates figured out before Spring Break. Thanks again for all your support! It is greatly appreciated!
 - **K8** by Raynard Solomon- Students at Las Posas Elementary School are going well. Learning notes and playing, next week they will be using bows, using 4th finger to play Ode to Joy.

Intermediate Strings at Santa Rosa are using finger patterns. Beginning Strings students are playing Dawn in the Valley. Mariachi will soon be learning actual Mariachi songs.

- **YAA Strings** by Raynard Solomon- Beginning Strings students started using Smart Music, mostly at home. Orchestra students are learning new concepts: dynamics. YAA Strings will be participating in SCSBOA Festival on Saturday 3/26/22.
- **YAA Guitar & YAA Digital Music** by Mauricio Giron- students are using Method books with the decreased class size. YAA Digital Music finished January 2022. Asked students to send in any compositions that were created.
- **TK-5 Music, YAA Ukulele** by Karine Szakos- Tierra Linda School is finishing up. 4th and 5th grade have requested for next year, is up for a vote. Ukulele students are learning staff notes and can play GABC's (first notes).
- **PVSD Chorus** by Joan Rust- Figuring out how to cope with cold days. Couple days were ZOOM only related to cold weather. ZOOM will depend on the weather. Still need to secure a concert date and location. Sabrina and Jerry; instructors, are hoping Santa Paula HS Choir can sing together with PVSD Choir.
- Honor Groups by Karen Gatchel
 - Nikki Dossman's daughter Rosemaire Umipig made the SCSBOA Honor Band Orchestra. She is a former YAA student.
- SCSBOA Festival 3/25 – Karen Gatchel
 - YAA Orchestra will be participating Saturday 3/26. Flyer was given to students for report time and performance times.
 - Volunteers – SOKM Board Members and family members. Can request Orchestra families to volunteer for Friday 3/25/22.
 - Food Truck- arranged by Maria Godina.
 - Costco Snacks and Drinks- will be bought by Maria Godina.
 - Items needed: tables and chairs, snacks and drinks, cash box with PayPal swipe and tap connectors, table clothes, extension cords, ice and ice buckets. Karen and Betty to make food list.
- PTA Roundtable by Karen Gatchel
 - PVSD are trying to recruit teachers and substitute teachers. Mandate to wear masks will expire 3/11/22 at midnight. Trying to loosen restrictions on Makerspace and field trips. LCAP surveys will be going out soon. TK program will be expanded. Trying to have writing camp like last year. Summer School will have Language and Arts enrichment classes. Possibly YAA for summer. Hoping to have an Universal design for general and Special Education classes. There was a program where 30 Deputies read across America. There has been increased graffiti in schools.
- PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter by Dorothy Hanchey-
 - No newsletter yet, will wait if there will be any concerts.

- OUHSD and PVSD Calendar distributed to SOKM Board Members.
- SOKM Donations
 - Family Fun Nights 2021-22 by Maria Godina- Family Fun Nights at Ottavio's raised \$500. Next fundraiser will be at Country Harvest from 7am to 2pm. Suggestions for a Saturday or during Spring Break either 4/23 or 4/30.
 - Thank You Letters – Peggy Smith Neon CRM. Completed for Feb.
- SOKM Finances – Maria Godina
 - FY 2021-22 Financials by Maria Godina- went over Transaction list.
 - Reconciled Statements by Richard Gatchel- checking account reconciled through February 28, 2022.
 - Instrument Inventory by Betty Weyek is compiling one list from the several lists she has. In the summer, SOKM Board members will assist in verifying compiled list with actual instruments and adding bar codes
- SOKM Board Stuff by Karen Gatchel-
 - Redistributed snack calendar for in person meetings.
- Next SOKM Board Meeting – Online or Location TBA
 - Tuesday, [April 5, 2022](#), 7:00 PM (**FIRST TUESDAY**)