

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

- Welcome and Introductions. Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm. Attendees were Karen Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Richard Gatchel, Nikki Dossman, Nance Chaubell, Peggy Smith, Dorothy Hanchey, Maria Godina, Kendra Abernathy, Rene Godina, Mauricio Giron and Serena Villalobos.
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
  - February 9, 2021 Minutes and March 9, 2021 Agenda- Karen Gatchel moved to approve minutes as presented and agenda as amended and Dorothy Hanchey seconded, and the motion carried.
- Happenings
  - PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy 2020-21
    - Las Colinas by Reese Copsey- no report
    - Monte Vista by Trish Copsey- no report
    - K8 & DLA by Rene Godina- Students are working from the workbook, working on scales and some songs with all the students. Intermediate Mariachi students are using “Upbeat Live”. Some are struggling with internet issues.
    - YAA Strings by Rene Godina- students are working on own in 2 levels: Intermediate and Advanced. All students are using Smart Music and have all tried “Upbeat Live”. 5-6 students are interested in “Upbeat Live”, some students are having problems using it.
    - YAA Guitar & Ukulele by Mauricio Giron- students are having fun. Trying to engage kids. Asking students to feel the beat. All classes are reviewing fundamental techniques. Exploring different concepts with Guitar students. With Intermediate students, using a color ranking system when tasks are completed, students move up in rank. Advanced students are playing in duets or trios.
    - 1-3 Music, YAA Music & Movement, YAA Beg. Piano by Karine Szakos- For the music grades 1-3, I just finished at TLS and DCS. I begin at LPSSA and LMS next week. Classes are going well. It's actually easier when it's either all in person or all Zoom. The cohorts are difficult unless each student is on their own chrome book. This isn't always an option for the littles. The after-school classes are also going well. I only have about 5 regulars for Music and Movement, but they are faithful, and one family recommended the class for a friend recently. The piano class is going better than I expected. There are about 15 regulars, and to my shock and awe they are really coming along. I had my doubts about a Zoom group piano class, but it is working for my current students. Yay!

- PVSD Chorus by Joan Rust- Vincent Dominguez and Emma Zandbergen continue to prepare the PVSD Chorus singers for their upcoming virtual chorus performance. Their song is "Sisi Kushangilia" by Victor C. Johnson, chosen for CICA's spring theme, "Into the Light: Celebrating Black Choral Composers in Choral Music." CICA is currently running a See's Candies fundraiser. It is being promoted on CICA's website, Facebook, Twitter, etc. Shortly, we will email the flyer directly to PVSD families. We are looking into a Panda Express fundraiser for late April -- plans in progress.
- SOKM 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Karen Gatchel- after voting: #1 choice newspaper article. Project to gather information, interview SOKM founding members, current and former teachers and current and former students will be done by Dorothy, Kendra, Peggy and Nance. #2 choice postcards with SOKM website, QR code and link to donate, link to a quick video or Tik Tok. Will ask Mr. Cook and digital music class at ACHS. No wind or brass instruments in person yet. Nikki will design postcards. #3 choice was to do recordings with current students to post on YouTube channel and link in newspaper article, postcard, newsletter, website, Facebook and Twitter. Betty with work with music directors to put video together.
- PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter – Dorothy Hanchey. Will send out article about 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary later in Spring.
- Summer School by Karen Gatchel- Veronica Ortega and Debbie Maki meeting with Karen and Betty PVSD Summer School 2 sessions of 3 weeks each for math and readings. Dates: 6/25 – 7/16 and 7/22 – 8/11 from 8 am to 12 noon. SOKM would like to incorporate music for some fun classes from 1-2 pm or 2-3 pm. Music needs to be held outside for Music and Movement, and Chorus. Music can be inside for strings, guitar and ukulele. No sharing of instruments. Need to check if funding is included by State. Need to check with teachers willing to work summer school. Need to check space for class size with students. Location of school is undetermined.
- SOKM Donations
  - Family Fun Nights by Serena Villalobos- Ottavios' Restaurant night raised \$334.00. Mauricio recommended when in person possible Pancake and Taco's night.
  - Meadowlark Service League Grant by Karen Gatchel- grant for \$6,039.00 for facial masks and bell covers was submitted.
  - Thank You Letters by Peggy Smith- sent out in February 2021.
  - City of Camarillo City Grant by Karen Gatchel- grants were due 1/26/21. City stated wait for February meeting. Grants for 2021/22 need to be

submitted by April 9, 2021. Possibly request for Smart Music subscription for 2021-22. Will check with teachers for their wish list.

#### SOKM Finances – Maria Godina

- FY 2020-21 Financials – Maria Godina
- Reconciled Statements by Richard Gatchel- PWB checking has pending check for PVSD.
- Neon CRM by Karen Gatchel- last meeting fees went from \$50 to \$121/month. After several emails Karen negotiated price down. if accounts have  $\leq 1000$  contacts the price is lower at \$74.25. If accounts have  $\leq 2500$  contacts price is lower at \$104.

#### SOKM Board Stuff

- SOKM Website by Karen Gatchel- Karen, Dick and Betty will research different products. Need a graphic artist to help design website by end of April 2021.
- PTA Roundtable by Karen Gatchel- there will be 2 Superintendents to cover position. Survey was sent out in email, requesting input for selecting new Superintendent, deadline 3/14/21. Board meeting 3/18/21. Schools opening by Covid metrics based on zip code. Special classes start 3/1/21, co-horts to start 3/15/21. CSAP testing will be required in May.
- LCAP by Nikki Dossman- members to give input on important items from last meeting then ranked items. Next meeting will be delayed until Superintendent survey will be returned.

#### Next SOKM Board Meeting – Online or Location TBA

- Tuesday, [April 13, 2021](#), 7:00 PM
- Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm