

Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)

Meeting Minutes~ April 5, 2022, 7:00 PM
was in person at Betty's House and via ZOOM

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Attendees: Karen Gatchel, Richard Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Nikki Dossman and Serena Villalobos
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
 - March 8, 2022 Minutes as presented and April 5, 2022 Agenda as amended-Karen moved to approve and Betty Weyek seconded, and the motion was carried.
- Happenings
 - PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy
 - Las Colinas – Reese Copsey via email: All 3 LC band classes are starting to prepare for upcoming performances for Spring Concert and Open House. The Advanced Band just played a Solo/Ensemble Concert (instead of Cam Library) outside the band room with the audience on the lawn. They are anticipating a Recruit Tour to the 3 elementary feeder schools, possibly the last week in April. I'm hoping to have them also play at LC lunches sometime before the end of the year. My LC Advanced and Intermediate classes are rehearsing inside the classroom, and what a big difference. The Beginning class is too large to maintain protocol spacing, so we are still having class outside on the lawn, weather permitting. It's a huge benefit to have instruments for the kids and repair costs covered. Thank you!
 - Monte Vista & DLA -Trish Copsey via email: MVS Band students are busy preparing music for upcoming performances in May, including a Spring Concert, Open House Performance and a Recruitment Tour/Roadshow to our feeder schools. Being inside for rehearsals has increased our productivity quite a bit and the race is on to see how much we can accomplish by the end of the year. As always, thank you for your support! Many of these students would not have the opportunity to learn an instrument in middle school if we couldn't provide instruments and supplies for them.
 - K8 – Raynard Solomon via email: As we're nearing the end of the school year and heading towards our concerts, all of my classes are learning the last bits of their material and getting performance-ready. The Las Posas students have been learning how to make a good sound with their bow, my Santa Rosa Intermediate students are learning musical concepts to make their music sound better, and the Los Primeros and the YAA Beginning Strings are making good progress with the material in their book. The beginning Mariachi have picked their two Mariachi tunes and we're starting to work on that. Looking forward to making a great concert happen with all of these classes!
 - YAA Strings – Raynard Solomon via email: I first want to thank SOKM and all the parents and volunteers who helped with the festival! For the YAA PVSD Orchestra, it was a wonderful experience for them to both perform

in front of these esteemed critics and also receive an educational workshop with one of them. Just from that one day, they're already sounding better and are even more motivated to put on a better show. Festivals are not just educational experiences for these students, but educational for everyone involved, including me! Again, thank you all so much for helping me make this happen, and thank you for all your hard work!

- YAA Guitar – Mauricio Giron via email: The guitar class is coming along. As a class we have now covered almost all of the material from one of our books which goes over common chords and natural notes on the 3 treble strings. I have a few students that are working on learning their Bass string pitches as well. We are working on repertoire for our concert coming up in May and hope that you all can make it. It should be fun for all. Thank you for all you do.
 - YAA The Off Beats – Reese Copsey via email: The Off Beats played a “Jazz Concert” for parents here on the lawn at LC last Saturday at noon, and it went very well. They will be playing before the LC Spring Concert and anticipate a “Recruit Tour” to the 3 elementary schools at the end of May
 - TK-5 Music, YAA Ukulele – Karine Szakos via email: Elementary music is going well. I’m teaching students from CHS, LPSSA, and SRTMS currently. After school ukulele classes are also going well- we are preparing for a concert in May. I will be starting ukulele classes for 4th and 5th graders at DCS at the end of the month until the end of the school year. SOKM is providing 60 of the instruments and DCS PTA is purchasing 35 and paying for instruction. Thank you to SOKM and Betty for the means to provide this for those students. That’s about it. I look forward to seeing how this program goes with so many students!
 - PVSD Chorus – Joan Rust via email: Students are able to sing inside, with masks and social distancing at PVSEA. Date was previously set for Choir Performance 5/26/22, not a good date, possibly 5/19/22.
- o SCSBOA Festival 3/25 by Karen Gatchel- We had a snack bar set up. For the next Festival, we only need half the products from what we bought. We covered our costs but next time, we will plan to sell each item for \$2.00 to make a profit. Possibly, can check into Venmo, many students asked about this form of payment. It was a great experience for the students. Hopefully, Las Colinas and Monte Vista can attend next year. Thank you to all the board members and volunteers for all your hard work.
 - o Spring Events by Betty Weyek- Spring Concerts will be held indoors. Concerts as follows: MVS on 5/13, LCS and YAA The Off Beats on 5/14 held at MVS school; K-8 (PVSEA, LPS, SRTMS, LPSSA) on 5/17 at PVSEA; YAA Beg. & Int. Guitar and Beg. Ukulele on 5/18 at PVSEA; and YAA Beg. Strings and Orchestra on 5/19 at PVSEA. Bus Tours as follows: YAA Orchestra tour on 5/24 going to SRTMS, LPSSA and PVSEA. YAA The Off Beats tour on 5/25 going to DCS, LCS, LMS and TLS. MVS and LCS will have different bus tours with both Principal and students. PVSD Choir performance on 5/19 outside at PVSEA. MVS and LCS will have an Open House where students will be performing.

There will be no refreshments. SOKM will have 2 volunteers at the table at all Spring Concerts. A Sign-up Genius will go out. Betty Weyek will check if Mister Softee can be there at MVS for 5/13 and 5/14.

- o LCAP – Peggy Smith via text- there was no LCAP, no updates.
- o PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter by Karen Gatchel- will ask Dick, Karen and Dorothy to place all the Spring Events on the Website, on the SOKM calendar, Facebook, Twitter, PeachJar and in the Newsletter. Betty Weyek will check with the instructors if there will be any awards.
- SOKM Donations
 - o Family Fun Nights 2021-22 by Maria Godina and Karen Gatchel- Ottavio's raised \$500. Country Harvest have not returned any of Maria's phone calls for a fundraiser. Have scheduled Yolanda's for Wednesday 4/27 from 3pm to 9pm with 20% profits to SOKM. Will be checking for Baja Fresh for May.
 - o Cars for Causes by Karen Gatchel- Cars for Causes has dissolved and California Community Charity gave us a check for \$702.02 for general support.
 - o Thank You Letters – Peggy Smith- 10 Thank you cards.
 - o CSG Grant by Karen Gatchel- for 5/23 City for grants was approved for \$3,925. Grant for 4 Alto Saxophones. Awaiting for Meadowlark Grant, if approved we hope to finish buying Beginning Band instrument sets this summer.
- SOKM Finances – Maria Godina.
 - o FY 2021-22 Financials by Karen Gatchel, went over the transaction list. \$700 in budget for Spring Concert Awards.
 - o Reconciled Statements by Richard Gatchel- checking until 3/31/22; 2 checks were issued end of the month.
 - o Instrument Inventory by Betty Weyek- need to check if persons will be allowed on campus during the summer.
- SOKM Board Stuff – Karen Gatchel
 - o Square Space Renewal (April) has been renewed 2/16/22 and annual fee by Dick and Kris DeVillers.
 - o SOKM Board 2022-23 Election (June)- need new members, possibly check MV, LC and Orchestra for parents to volunteer.
 - o SOKM Meeting & Refreshment Schedule (June)
 - o SOKM Budget 2022-23 (June & July) - will be increasing fees for YAA. Think of anything needed to be added.
- Next SOKM Board Meeting – Online or Location TBA
 - o Tuesday, [May 10, 2022](#), 7:00 PM