

Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)

Minutes, April 9, 2019, 7:00 PM

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Thank you to Serena for refreshments.
 - Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm
 - Attendees were Cathy Crook, Betty Weyek, Kendra Abernathy, Serena Villalobos, Karen Gatchel, Richard Gatchel, Peggy Smith, Dorothy Hanchey, Nance Chaubell and Crystal Casas.
 - Guests were Rene Godina, Dr. Veronica Ortega, and Juanita Castro.
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
 - March 12, 2019 Minutes and April 9, 2019 Agenda – Karen moved to accept, Peggy seconded, and the motion passed.
- Happenings
 - Summer 2019 YAAE – Dr. Veronica Ortega, Juanita Castro reported that PVSD was very sorry for not including the SOKM logo on the flyers for YAAE Summer Program. They indicated that they ran out of space for logos, and SOKM's logo was also inadvertently removed. To remedy the issue, they retracted everything they could, and added the SOKM logo. The same classes will be offered this year as last year. Currently, there are 157 students enrolled. April 21 is the cutoff for enrollment for the academic classes, but music class enrollment will remain open.
 - PVSD Music Department Update
 - Las Colinas Music – Reese Copsey reported via email:
“The Las Colinas band kids have been busy. Tuesday (today) is our Advanced Band Recruit Tour to play 20-minute concerts for 5th graders at 3 elementary schools. All classes are starting to prepare for what music they might play for the Spring Concert in May. Our Open House will be the following week, with some different music for each group.”
 - Monte Vista Music – Trish Copsey reported via email:
“The Monte Vista Advanced Band is on tour to elementary schools Tuesday, April 9th and then will participate in the Disney Magic Music Days Workshop on Tuesday, April 23rd. All Monte Vista students will be performing at our Spring Concert on Friday, May 17th and at Open House the following Thursday. The new beginning class is doing well (about 6 weeks in) and the 7th grade Music Appreciation class has finished the recorder unit and is moving on to virtual keyboards (precursor to playing real keyboards for the second half of the quarter).”
 - Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School Music, Los Primeros School of Arts and Sciences Music, and Pleasant Valley School of Engineering and Arts Music – Rene Godina reported that he had a small competition for band students to motivate them with a root beer float treat as the prize, and PVSEA won. Mariachi is getting ready for performance in May.
 - K-5 General Music – Karine Szakos reported via email:
“Well, the concert with New West Symphony was a huge success. The kids really loved the music this year. It was fun for the kids to see the instruments playing - especially after the Music Van. They are getting really excited to learn to play some of the instruments. The teacher feedback was that they thought that the students were well prepared and able to participate. The only complaint that I heard was that some schools

were there really early and so the kids got restless. The feedback from the kids: Negative - They wanted to have more songs learned on the recorder (I went for quality instead of quantity, but what can you do with such limited time with the students?). Out of 3 recorder options, they learned 2. But they played them well! They had to sit too long - I addressed this above. They were scared sitting in the balcony seats (not much we can do about that!) Positive - They loved the trivia questions before the show. They loved the music. The dancing was a bit hit. They liked hearing the different instruments played alone and separately. They loved singing the songs and playing their recorders during the show. Overall, they had a great experience! When I explained that learning to read music will give them a head start if they want to do anything with music, they were very excited. Currently, I am reinforcing Treble Clef notes and we are learning new songs on the recorder as well as singing and dancing. Third graders are having fun and on their way to being excellent musicians.”

- PVSD Youth Arts Academy (YAA) Music Update
 - YAA Beginning Keyboard – Betty Nicholson reported via email: “This month in Keyboard class, students are learning about intervals and chords, and playing solos, duets, trios, and in concert as an ensemble (Music Team)”
 - YAA The Off Beats – Reese Copsey reported via email: “The Off Beats are looking forward to their Spring Concert on May 17th.”
 - YAA Beginning & Intermediate Guitar – Mauricio Giron reported via Betty that “we’ve just about finished with the Method Book 1 ‘Guitar for Kids’ and learning new accompanist styles from the Jerry Snyder Book. Students who are playing solos for concert have begun to perform in front of the class for constructive criticism. I have minimized my messages, on Class Dojo, with the parents by publishing my agenda to our Google sites website.”
 - YAA Beginning & Intermediate Strings, Orchestra – Rene Godina reported that the chamber group played at the PVSD 150th Anniversary, and it was a great success. Most of the kids in orchestra are going on the Disneyland trip. Beginning strings are doing an acting/music performance for the final concert called Aunt Rhodie’s Diet. Intermediate Strings is getting ready for their performance, and they are doing really well.
 - PVSD Chorus – Joan Rust reported via email: “Kendra and I will see Tommy Holtke this week to discuss PVSD Chorus at PVSEA for the 19/20 school year. Mr. Holtke is enthusiastic. Older PVSD Chorus members are rehearsing opera choruses for the CHICO/CICA choral/orchestral concerts at Rancho Campana on 4/26 and 4/28.” Kendra further reported that two PVSD Chorus members will perform at CICA's house party fundraiser, "The Great American Songfeast", on 5/5. There will be an El Tecolote restaurant night on May 21 after PVSD Chorus' dress rehearsal. The spring concert of PVSD Chorus will be on May 28 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Columba's Episcopal in Camarillo.
- Spring Concerts – Betty Weyek reported that the spring concerts will take place as follows:
 - SRTMS, LPSSA, and PVSEA Spring Concert – May 23, 2019 at PVSEA
 - Las Colinas Spring Concert – May 18, 2019 at Monte Vista

- Monte Vista Spring Concert – May 17, 2019 at Monte Vista
 - Off Beats Spring Concert – May 17, 2019
 - YAA Strings Spring Concert – May 15, 2019 at Rancho Campana
 - Guitar Spring Concert – May 14, 2019 at Rancho Campana
 - PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter – Thank you to Dorothy Hanchey for sending the newsletter.
 - ACHS Administration – New administration will be in place next year.
 - Disney Performing Arts Days – The trip will take place.
- SOKM Finances – Crystal Casas reported:
 - Costs for spring concert announcements are \$65 for 60 cards, and there is also a 25% off coupon. Betty moved that the board send Vista Print postcards to donors without children in the program; Nance seconded; and the motion passed.
 - FY 2018-19 Financial updates were presented. SOKM received \$350 donation from Leisure Village Women’s Club.
 - Reconciled Statements – Richard Gatchel reported that checking and savings are reconciled through March 31.
 - Scholarship for Outstanding Student Award – Betty reported that band directors wanted to know if there could be more than one winner from a school. Betty moved that the board authorizes the band directors to add one additional scholarship at one middle school for this year; Karen seconded; and the motion passed.
- SOKM Donations
 - Restaurant Nights – Serena Villalobos reported that Chipotle restaurant will be on 5/13.
 - City of Camarillo Grant – Karen Gatchel reported that the grant was awarded.
 - Walmart Grant – Karen Gatchel reported that she continues to try to contact them.
 - Thank You Letters – Thank you to Peggy Smith for sending them.
- SOKM Board Stuff
 - PTA Roundtable – Karen Gatchel reported on updates.
 - LCAP Meetings – Peggy Smith reported that she did not attend the meeting.
 - Donor Database – New – Karen Gatchel reported that she will continue to follow up on this issue.
- Next SOKM Board Meeting – 700 Temple Ave, Camarillo CA 93010, Room C3
 - Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 7:00 PM
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:03.