

**Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)**  
Minutes, April 13, 2021, 7:00 PM  
ZOOM Meeting

- Welcome and Introductions
  - Meeting was called to order at 7:11. Attendees: Karen Gatchel, Richard Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Nikki Dossman, Dorothy Hanchey, Peggy Smith, Maria Godina, Nance Chaubell, Rene Godina.
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
  - March 9, 2021 Minutes and April 13, 2021 Agenda - Karen moved to approve, Betty seconded, and the motion carried.
- Happenings
  - PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy 2020-21
    - Las Colinas - Reese Copsey – Reese reported via email:  
“We've been on Zoom classes for most of the year until recently. Instruments have not been allowed to be played at school, so my only direct contact with students is with optional after-school classes twice-a-week. We are now teaching music classes in cohorts at school with simultaneous zoom with students at home for the first part of the classes. I was able to do a limited virtual Solo/Ensemble Concert with my Advanced band class on April 1st for students and parents. That class ended with 3rd Quarter on April 2nd. Sample attached (these students have never even met with instruments or played together this year). I have Beginning and Intermediate Band and a Music Appreciation class for 4th Quarter which started this week. I'm starting to have the Intermediate class cohort at school play bells with the students on zoom during class. I'll also be doing the same with Beginning Band and Music Appreciation classes using drum sticks. It's been difficult to play with band kids who can't have instruments at school. I'm hoping that changes soon.”
    - Monte Vista - Trish Copsey – Trish reported via email:  
“Katie Burchell, Principal at Monte Vista is going to take the band protocols proposal I wrote up to Asst. Superintendent Carol Bjordahl. tomorrow or Thursday I think, but Katie already looked it over and thinks it should work. Students will be playing outside, socially distanced 6-9', using bell covers (the district paid for the material and Velcro to create the bell covers). Assuming Carol approves, we should be able to start playing outside next week or the week after. It has definitely been a challenging year, but at least it looks like we will be able to actually hear instruments on campus.”
    - K8 & DLA – Rene Godina – Rene reported beginning students are working from book and with Smart Music. Intermediate students are working with Upbeat Music.
    - YAA Strings – Rene Godina – Rene reported students are working on book and Smart Music. Classes going faster through book.
    - YAA Guitar & Ukulele - Mauricio Giron – Mauricio reported students working with Band Lab.
    - 1-3 Music, YAA Music & Movement, YAA Beg. Piano - Karine Szakos – Karine reported via email:  
“I'm finishing music and movement classes with LPSSA and

LMS. PVSEA starts April 19. The classes have been well received by students and teachers (and I have fun too)! The after school classes are also going well. My numbers have dropped because many of my students have sports this time of year. I can't blame them for wanting to play outside after such a crazy year! The students who remain are enthusiastic and progressing well."

- PVSD Chorus – Joan Rust – Joan reported via email:  
“Planning a Panda on-line fundraiser for Friday, April 30. Will promote to our current singers and families, all of Channel Islands Choral Association, etc. I will send info if you can post on the SOKM Facebook page -- let me know. PVSD itself should be covered since CICA Prez Dean Butler has offered to submit a flyer for us. April 16-20, the PVSD Chorus singers will be recording their tracks for CICA's next on-demand event, "Into the Light: Celebrating Black Composers in Choral Music." Their song, "Sisi Kushangilia," is in Swahili. The video will run May 28-June 20.”
- YAA In Person – Karen Gatchel – Karen and Betty will meet with PVSD to discuss starting in-person YAA classes this upcoming Thursday, 4/15/21.
- SOKM 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Karen Gatchel – Nance and Dorothy reported the article and video are in progress. Nikki and Karen will work to send out postcards when website is ready, and Karen will send Vista Print login, website QR code, and photos to Nikki for postcards.
- Summer YAAE 2021 – Karen Gatchel – Karen reported status is undecided, and will be discussed on Thursday, 4/15/2021.
- PVSD Calendar 2021-22 – Betty Weyek – Next year's calendar has been published. Plan is 5 day a week, in person instruction.
- PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter – Dorothy Hanchey – No news yet for newsletter. Will plan next newsletter with 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary article.
- SOKM Donations
  - Family Fun Nights – Serena Villalobos – Serena was not present. Maria indicated she has time to contact some restaurants and will report back.
  - YAA Donation Reminder – Karen Gatchel – Karen sent out donation reminder to all YAA students. No financial response yet.
  - Community Service Grant – Karen Gatchel – Karen submitted grant asking for funding for 2021-22 Smart Music (400 student and 4 teacher licenses) on 2/9/21.
  - Thank You Letters – Peggy Smith – Thank you letters have not been printed for March. Will get them to Peggy soon.
- SOKM Finances – Maria Godina
  - FY 2020-21 Financials – Maria Godina – Marina presented updates.
  - Reconciled Statements – Richard Gatchel – Richard reported that all accounts were balanced. PWB reconciled through March 2021. Waiting on Capital One 03-2021 statement.
  - FY 2018-19 Taxes – Karen Gatchel – This issue is not yet resolved. IRS sent another letter asking for Schedule A and O which were submitted with original return 12/2019. Submitted revised 990, Schedule A and Schedule O again.
  - Camarillo Chamber of Commerce – Karen Gatchel - Board decided not to renew membership for 2021-22.

- Center for Nonprofit Leadership – Karen Gatchel – Karen reported that Smith-Hobson Foundation sponsored SOKM's membership this year.
- SOKM Board Stuff
  - SOKM Website – Karen Gatchel – Karen reported that the website will use Square Space at \$18 per month, PayPal can be used website for donations, and website built with Word Press. Thanks to Dick DeVillers for getting the Square Space site setup.
  - LCAP – Nikki Dossman – Nikki missed the meeting, but the survey results were discussed and are posted on the PVSD website.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM
- Next SOKM Board Meeting – Online or Location TBA
  - Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 7:00 PM