

Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)

Agenda, May 7, 2019, 7:00 PM

- Welcome and Introductions
 - The meeting convened at 7:05 pm. Present were board members Karen Gatchel, Richard Gatchel, Serena Villalobos, Betty Weyek, Crystal Casas, Peggy Smith, Nance Chaubell, Dorothy Hanchey, Kendra Abernathy and Cathy Crook. Thank you to Kendra for refreshments.
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda: The April 9, 2019 Minutes were approved as given. The May 7, 2019 Agenda was approved as amended, adding Jamba Juice under Donations.

- Happenings

- PVSD Music Department Update

- Las Colinas Music – Reese Copsey reported via email:
“As Trish said, thank you to Betty for all the work to make this Disney Trip happen for a lot of kids who had a great experience.

Las Colinas is getting ready for the Spring Concert in two weeks. We are also on a testing schedule, so it's a bit of a challenge for the kids, but it should be a great concert. Open House is the following Thursday after the Spring Concert.

We're starting to get back information from the 5th grade schools for students coming to Las Colinas who are interested in band. We did our "Recruiting Tour" last month and our school counselor visited the schools in the last 2 weeks. The next challenge is to figure out enrollment for classes for all grades and get ready for playing at Graduation.”

- Monte Vista Music – Trish Copsey reported via email:
“Monte Vista Band students are preparing music for their upcoming performances: Spring Concert on Friday, May 17th, Open House on Thursday, May 23rd and 8th Grade Promotion pre-show on Thursday, June 13th. We are also figuring out program enrollment and classes for next year. So far more than 50 incoming 6th grade students have requested to have beginning band as their elective next year.

The Disney Magic Music Days field trip went well and students were very attentive and focused during the workshop. They seemed to really enjoy the park attraction as well. A big "Thank You!" to Betty for all the extra time and effort it took to make this trip happen. I am very appreciative!”

- Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School, Los Primeros School of Arts and Sciences, and Pleasant Valley School of Engineering and Arts Music – Rene Godina reported that the K-8 concert would be May 23.
 - K-5 General Music – Karine Szakos reported via email:
“3rd grade recorder classes are just wrapping up for the school year. Testing is happening for the next few weeks so I'm trying to work around that. The teachers have been eager to make sure their kids get music! It's a great way to decompress from the stress of testing and I'm really glad

that the teachers see the value in it - although I anticipate some antsy students!

I'm a little disappointed in the numbers for summer school. Any help you all can be in encouraging the kiddos to get their parents to sign them up would be appreciated."

- PVSD Youth Arts Academy (YAA) Music Update
 - YAA Beginning Keyboard – Betty Nicholson reported that “students in the Keyboard Class are preparing solos, duos, and Music Team songs for their End-of-Year party on May 30, 2019...some may also coordinated with PVSD Chorus on one song on their May 28th concert.”
 - YAA The Off Beats – Reese Copsey reported via email: “The Off Beats Concert is Friday night before the Monte Vista Spring Concert, and it should be fun. We have a smaller group this year, only 20 kids, but they're doing well.”
 - YAA Beginning & Intermediate Guitar – Mauricio Giron reported that students are working on their solos, and repertoire for the upcoming concert on May 14th. They are also getting ready for the Bus Tour on the 21st. He is assisting Rene at SRTMS for their Open House and will be conducting the Intermediate Band. Kendra is having a couple of her vocalists perform with a couple of [guitar] soloists and we are trying to put together a song for the concert as well.
 - YAA Beginning & Intermediate Strings, Orchestra – Rene Godina reported that the Strings Concert would be next Wednesday, and the bus tour May 21, 28.
 - PVSD Chorus – Kendra Abernathy & Joan Rust: Joan reported via email: “-- Kendra continues to do a great job w/ PVSD Chorus. The kids sounded beautiful today (and she did too!).
-- Spring concert will be May 28 @ 6:30 at St. Columba's. Thanks for announcing it.
-- Restaurant night fundraiser will be May 21 5-9 at El Tecolote. Kendra has some coupon-sized flyers for the SOKM room.
-- We wish Kendra were continuing with us for fall, but since she is choosing other commitments, we have started preparing to find a replacement. We're looking within our CICA stable for starters; there are possibilities. If those don't pan out, we'll go into recruitment/interview mode.
-- Think you know that Kendra and I met w/ Tommy Holtke of PVSEA and he is enthusiastic about hosting PVSD Chorus for the coming school year. He encouraged us to reserve space through School Dude as soon as possible. Since the day and time will need to be right for the new Music Director (and the rest of the team), we need to hold off reserving.”
Kendra reported that the concert is on the 28th, and there is a fundraiser on the 21st.
- Spring Concerts – Betty Weyek: Karen asked for lead persons for the concerts.

The board then proceeded to organize who would get the lemonade, cookies, and paper goods, plus how much of each thing to get. The board also discussed the scheduling of the concerts, when volunteers should arrive and what they should do, and how the supplies would be transferred for the next concerts. It was remarked that at the concerts where cookies will be offered, there will be gluten-free cookies to one side and a sign letting people know they can request gluten-free.

- Summer YAAE – Betty Weyek: Numbers for the music classes are low. There was discussion of ways to promote the summer classes. Suggestions included doing our own Peach Jar, passing out flyers/brochures during the bus tours, promoting at concerts, and promoting at the middle schools 6th grade bands as a way to “get a head start”. Karen has asked the teachers to promote summer school to the students. A suggestion was to create a flyer/notice for Reese and Trish to give to students registered for next year’s Beginning Band. Nance could draft it and work with Trish and Reese. Betty will follow up getting info to the private schools.
- PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter – Dorothy Hanchey: Karen thanked Dorothy for getting the newsletter out. She will put a “plug” for summer school in each email/newsletter that goes out.
- SOKM Finances – Crystal Casas
 - FY 2018-19 Financials: Crystal presented the financials to date to the board.
 - Reconciled Statements – Richard Gatchel reported that April statements have been received but not reconciled yet.
- SOKM Donations
 - Restaurant Nights – Serena Villalobos reported that the Chipotle Fundraiser is the 13th. Karen thanked Serena for doing the restaurant nights.
 - Donor List – Nikki Dossman is doing the list of donors to go in the concert programs.
 - Donor Postcards – Crystal Casas showed the board what the donor postcards look like. The postcards have been scheduled.
 - Thank You Letters – Peggy Smith reported that there are a few more to send. She sent letters out to people who had not yet paid and got some responses.
 - Jamba Juice: Nance wanted to know if we should have cards available at the spring concerts, and if so how many? There are 19 cards remaining. Betty moved that we purchase 100 more cards to have available at the concerts. Karen seconded and the motion carried.
- SOKM Board Staff

- SOKM Board FY 2019-20 Elections (June) – Karen Gatchel asked board members and officers to let her know if they plan to continue, and also to suggest names of anyone who might be interested in serving on the board.
- SOKM Budget FY 2019-20 (July) – Crystal Casas said that we will discuss the budget at the July meeting and approve it.
- PTA Roundtable – Betty Weyek attended the round table and reported that a lot of time was spent on LCAP. Also, there will be a free summer camp for middle and high school students in July. The Pleasant Valley Education Foundation is shutting down. PVEF previously has supported Cinemagic, Robotics and 3rd Grade Speech Tournament.
- LCAP Meetings – Peggy Smith: The meeting is next Tuesday.
- Donor Database – New –Crystal Casas suggested a database called Neon CRM; Karen talked to Dick and it will do registration. Dick, Betty and Karen will do a demo and see if it will work for as a donor database and for YAA Registration.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm. Submitted by Cathy Crook, subbing for Secretary Nikki Dossman.
- Next SOKM Board Meeting – 700 Temple Ave, Camarillo CA 93010, Room C3
 - Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 7:00 PM