

**Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)**  
Minutes ~ May 10, 2022, 7:00 PM  
**Betty's House and via ZOOM**

- Welcome and Introductions
  - Thank you to Dorothy for refreshments
  - Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm. Attendees: Karen Gatchel, Richard Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Nikki Dossman, Peggy Smith, Dorothy Hanchey, Maria Godina, Kendra Abernathy, Joan Rust, Raynard Solomn, Serena Villalobos, Dorrie Kelly, and Trina Manders.
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
  - April 5, 2022 Minutes as presented and May 10, 2022 Agenda as presented- Karen Gatchel moved to approve and Peggy Smith seconded, and the motion was carried.
- Happenings
  - PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy
    - **Las Colinas** via email Reese Copsey- LCS is planning our annual Spring Concert on Saturday evening. LCS Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Bands will perform starting at 6:15 pm. We're playing outside against the side of the band room, facing East to the audience on the grass. The gate near the exit to the parking lot will be open. Our advance Band "Recruit Bus Tour" to DCS, LMS, and TLS went well. We passed out and emailed flyers; an interest survey link is on my school teacher web page. We then played both lunches at LCS. LCS classes are playing at our school Open House on Thursday May 26th. I'm anticipating that Advanced and Intermediate students will be playing a pre-program for graduation. We don't yet have elective classes or a master schedule for LCS for next year. I expect at least 3 levels of band classes but don't know what else will be scheduled. I am very much thankful for all the help from Betty for our performances.
    - **Monte Vista & DLA** via email Trish Copsey- MVS band students are busy preparing for their Spring Concert this Friday (May 13<sup>th</sup>) at 6:30 PM. Report time for students is 6:00. The concert will be held at the outdoor stage at MVS. Students are also working on music for Open House (May 26<sup>th</sup>), and Intermediate/Advanced students are preparing music for our upcoming Roadshow (Elementary Recruiting Tour) on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, the band has been given tentative approval to perform the pre-show for Promotion at the end of the year, so 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be learning basic conducting skills for that performance (Each 8<sup>th</sup> grade student may conduct a piece at the pre-show). Electives are up in the air for next year, but I may know more by the end of the month. Hopefully, we will get a lot of interest from the recruiting tour!
    - **K8** by Raynard Solomon- on May 17th K-8 will be having their Spring Concert at 6 pm. There will be 2 Beginning Strings classes from Las Posas and LPSSA, Intermediate Strings from Santa Rosa which is a Chamber Trio, and PVSEA Mariachi. K-8 classes will end after their concert at the end of the week.

- **YAA Strings** by Raynard Solomon- Spring Concert will be May 19th at 6pm. Beginning Strings have been learning how to use the bow, and finished their first piece from the music book. Intermediate Strings/Orchestra will be performing the 1st movement from Jupiter from “The Planets Suite”. The students have been perfecting the 3 songs from the SCSBOA Festival. 1 song will be added for the Bus Tour to PVSEA, SRTMS and LPSSA. Advanced students were asked to perform for the Meadowlark Service League Luncheon on June 2nd.
- **YAA Guitar** via text message Mauricio Giron- Spring Concert will be May 18th at 6pm. There will be 2 solos.
- **YAA The Off Beats** via email Reese Copsey- On Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> The Off Beats will be doing a similar Recruit Bus Tour to the same 3 elementary schools who have 5<sup>th</sup> grade students coming to LCS. Spring Concert 5/14, 5:30 @ LCS.
- **TK-5 Music** via email Karine Szakos- Hello all! The school year is ending nicely! For the next 2 weeks the upper elementary grades are testing, but I’ve already scheduled make-up classes for them and shuffled things around to handle it. Everything is going smoothly and everyone is happy with the program (according to feedback). The only complaint is that they want more music time. I can empathize! Next year may see some changes with music time. I will update when I have more information.
- **YAA Beg Ukulele** class is performing on May 18. We are almost ready! The frustration there is that the students have more ability than they can show in a concert. It’s very difficult to do more complicated strumming patterns as a group. We’re doing some solos to showcase the students who can do more, but I have several shy students. Many who refuse to sing! It’s always an adventure. That’s about it! Happy May!!
- **Ukulele classes for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Dos Caminos.** It is the most rewarding group of students to work with! They are hungry for music and are loving the experience of learning to play an instrument. They seem very excited when I walk into the room (makes me feel like a rock star...) and they are having success learning to play and understand more about how music works. They will be playing for parents at their open house in June - details coming soon, but it’s my understanding that only parents can attend at this point. Mr. Waggoner is a big supporter of music at Dos Caminos and has come into the classrooms to encourage the students. Without the support and instruments provided by SOKM this opportunity would not be possible for these kids. It has been a great experience - even some of the teachers are taking the opportunity to learn to play!
- **PVSD Chorus** by Joan Rust- Spring Concert will be held at PVSEA on May 19th at 6 pm. Instructors were recently tested Covid Positive so rehearsals will be in person held outside.
- **Summer School** by Karen Gatchel- Summer YAA 2022 will not be offered.. Classes will be remedial once again with no music enrichment. If students are interested in Summer Band Camps,they can check Conejo School District.
- **Spring Events** by Betty Weyek- dates and flyers are posted on the SOKM website.
- **LCAP** by Peggy Smith- a story was shared regarding her granddaughter at Dos Caminos, playing the Ukulele and how excited the child was to be playing and

- learning an instrument.
- **PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter** – Dorothy Hanchey. Thanks to Dorothy for putting together the Spring Concert newsletter and all the reminders. Thanks to Dick DeVillers and Karen for updating website, social media and PeachJar.
- SOKM Donations
  - **Family Fun Nights 2021-22** by Maria Godina- from Yolanda's Fun Night a check was received for \$311. No Fun night will be scheduled for May or June due to Spring Concerts and end of the school year. Possibilities for next year: Camarillo Bowling, Pizza Man Dan's, and Presto Pasta.
  - **Meadowlark Service League** – Karen Gatchel. SOKM has been invited to the luncheon to receive a grant check. YAA Orchestra students have been asked to perform.
  - **Thank You Letters** by Peggy Smith- were mailed out.
- SOKM Finances – Maria Godina
  - **FY 2021-22 Financials**
  - **Reconciled Statements** by Richard Gatchel- Savings account is reconciled through 3/31/22, and Checking account is reconciled through 4/30/22.
  - **Instrument Inventory** by Betty Weyek- will be checking the best way to inventory. Will be ordering barcode scanner and asset tag labels.
- SOKM Board Stuff – Karen Gatchel
  - SOKM Board 2022-23 Election (June)
  - SOKM Meeting & Refreshment Schedule (June)
  - SOKM Budget 2022-23 (June & July)
- Next SOKM Board Meeting – Online or Location TBA
  - Tuesday, [June 14, 2022](#), 7:00 PM