

Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)

Minutes, June 11, 2019, 7:00 PM

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Thank you to Cathy for refreshments.
 - The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.
 - Board Member Attendees were Betty Weyek, Karen Gatchel, Maurice Giron, Karine Szakos, Kendra Abernathy, Dorothy Hanchey, Richard Gatchel, Peggy Smith, Nance Chaubell, Cathy Crook, and Serena Villalobos.
 - Guests were Maurico Giron and Joan Rust.
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
 - May 7, 2019 Minutes and June 11, 2019 Agenda – Karen move to accept, Nance seconded, and the motion passed.
- Happenings
 - PVSD Music Department Update
 - Las Colinas Music – Reese Copsey reported via email:
“This evening we presented the Outstanding 8th grade band student awards. We're getting ready for the LC graduation on Thursday. I have 2 sets for pre-program: the Advanced Band is playing at 9:15; then the 8th grade students are excused to get ready for the Promotion Ceremony and are replaced by intermediate students (our "Grad Band", which will be next year's Advanced Band) to play the 2nd set. This group will play for 20 minutes, the follow with Pomp and Circumstance for the march and the Star Spangled Banner. It should be a fun Thursday morning, with school out at noon. We follow up with sorting music and checking instruments. Next year I'm again planning on 5 classes of band at LC: morning is 3 levels of 7th/8th; afternoon has Beginning and "Intermediate" 6th grade classes. My "Intermediate" is defined as to include students who can read music and play on some instrument, though very few will have band instrument experience. Thank you for all the help with the instruments and repair costs! It's neat to be able to provide what is needed for our growing band programs.”
 - Monte Vista Music – Trish Copsey reported via email:
“Thank you all for your support of music in our schools! It would not be possible to have so many students participate without the time and effort you have put into keeping this program alive and growing. Monte Vista students are currently wrapping up the school year. Intermediate and Advanced Band students will perform on Thursday for the pre-ceremony before 8th grade Promotion. Many current beginning students are planning on playing next year – either at MVS or at other schools if they are moving, and it seems like many 8th grade students are going to continue playing in high school (Hooray!). The current plan is for next year at MVS to look similar to this year – 1 Advanced, 1 Intermediate, 1 full-year Beginning, 1 7th grade wheel music elective and 1 6th grade wheel music elective (beginning band).”
 - 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 all classes are finished for the year, and music was collected from the students that are not returning.
 - K-5 General Music – Karine Szakos reported that third grade recorder

- students finished for the year, and there is funding for next year. The kids enjoyed the experience and learned how to play music.
- PVSD Youth Arts Academy (YAA) Music Update
 - YAA Beginning Keyboard – Betty Nicholson reported via email: “The students in Keyboard Class had their end-of-year party last week... played solos, duos, ensemble (Music Team) songs for friends and families - lots of treats and fun!”
 - YAA The Off Beats – Reese Copsey reported via email: “The Off Beats, only 20 kids this year, finished with their semi-annual performance at the Camarillo Health Care Center on June 3rd. A good group and fun this year. Next year we are planning on our after-school classes on Mondays and Thursdays at Las Colinas. The teacher collaboration time (previously called PLC) is being moved to Friday, with students getting out at 2:05 on that day instead of Thursday like this year.”
 - YAA Beginning & Intermediate Guitar – Mauricio Giron reported that guitar collaborated with choir at the concert. He plans to have a ukulele class next year. He is hoping to have a guitar ensemble class next year on Fridays.
 - YAA Beginning & Intermediate Strings, Orchestra – Mauricio Giron reported that the strings chamber group and intermediate guitar played at Meadowlark Service League luncheon.
 - PVSD Chorus – Kendra Abernathy & Joan Rust reported that the end of the year concert was very nice and rhythm instruments were used. Joan reported that Kendra will not continue as music director, and they have chosen a new music director, Vincent Dominguez. The class day may change and the class may move to PVSEA.
 - Spring Concerts – Karen reported that the concerts were a success.
 - Outstanding 8th Grade Musicians – Karen reported that the recipients were: Julieta Chaubell and Edie Meier (Monte Vista), Natalie Licoscas (Las Colinas), and David Kwon (YAA – Orchestra).
 - Summer YAAE – Karen reported that final numbers for classes are set. The final concerts will be on July 19, 2019.
 - PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter – Thank you to Dorothy Hanchey for sending the newsletters.
 - SOKM Finances
 - FY 2018-19 Financials – Karen reported on updates.
 - End of Year Deposits and Check Requests – Karen reported these must be submitted by June 30, 2019.
 - Reconciled Statements – Richard Gatchel reported that general checking account is reconciled through May, and the savings account was reconciled last quarter (March 31, 2019).
 - Additional PVSD Donations – Karen Gatchel reported that CICA will receive a check for the remainder of the donations collected during the year for PVSD Chorus, and PVSD will receive the additional donations collected during the year for YAA Art and Ceramics as well as performance hours for the YAA music classes.
 - NeonCRM FY 2019-20 – Karen Gatchel reported that she, Dick DeVillers and Betty Weyek were impressed with them during a conference call. This application will allow YAA registration, provide a donor database, provide information to Quickbooks, integrate with Constant Contact for emails and

generate letters/thank yous/labels. The cost is \$180 per month. The cost to format data is \$600, the cost for training is \$600, and the cost to import the data is \$2000. Karen moved to proceed with NeonCRM for up to \$4000 for fees to convert to NeonCRM from reserves, Cathy seconded, and the motion carried.

- SOKM Donations
 - Restaurant Nights – Karen reported that Chipotle night earned \$203.13. Thank you to Serena for arranging for the fundraiser.
 - Meadowlark Service League – Karen Gatchel reported that MSL donated the full amount requested, \$4891.
 - Thank You Letters – Thank you to Peggy Smith for sending them.
- SOKM Board Stuff
 - Serena agreed to become the new recording secretary.
 - SOKM Board FY 2019-20 Elections – Karen Gatchel moved to approve the SOKM Board Slate as listed below, Betty seconded, and the motion carried.
 - Chairman/President – Karen Gatchel
 - Vice Chairman – Betty Weyek
 - Recording Secretary – Serena Villalobos
 - Corresponding Secretary – Peggy Smith
 - Treasurer – Crystal Casas
 - Member – Kendra Abernathy
 - Member – Nance Chaubell
 - Member – Cathy Crook
 - Member – Richard Gatchel
 - Member – Dorothy Hanchey
 - Member – Nikki Dossman
 - SOKM Board Meeting Schedule FY 2019-20 Approval – Karen Gatchel moved to approve the meeting times as follows, Dorothy seconded, and the motion carried.
 - August 6, 2019 (1st Tuesday)
 - September 10, 2019
 - October 8, 2019
 - November 12, 2019
 - December 2019 (No Meeting)
 - January 14, 2020
 - February 11, 2020
 - March 10, 2020
 - April 7, 2020 (1st Tuesday Due to Spring Break)
 - May 12, 2020
 - June 9, 2020
 - July 14, 2020
 - SOKM Budget FY 2019-20 – Karen reported that this will be discussed and voted on at the July meeting.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.
- Next SOKM Board Meeting – 700 Temple Ave, Camarillo CA 93010, Room C3
 - Tuesday, July 9, 2019, 7:00 PM