

Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)

Minutes June 13, 2023, 7:00 PM

PVSEA, 700 Temple Ave, Room C3 and Zoom

● **Welcome and Introductions**

- Thank you to Serena for refreshments.
- Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm and adjourned at 8:20 pm. Attendees: Karen Gatchel, Richard Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Peggy Smith, Dorothy Hanchey, Maria Godina and Serena Villalobos.

● **Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda**

- May 9, 2023 Minutes and June 13, 2023 Agenda as amended, Karen Gatchel moved to approve, Betty Weyek seconded, and motion was carried.

● **Happenings**

- PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy
 - **Las Colinas via email Reese Copsey-** LC Awards Night tonight at 6:00 pm – SOKM Most Outstanding, this year 2 super students Kaitlyn Wu and Jeremy Wiegman.
 - Preparing for pre-Grad program on Thursday 9:30 – 10:15 am. Kids are doing great. 2 sets – Advanced Band, then 8th grade students excused and replaced by Intermediate, including playing Pomp & Circumstance and Star Spangled Banner.
 - The LC counselor just sent out an elective survey to incoming students. Will follow up when I get info. I have a band survey and lots of info posted on my school website. Will be collecting/checking instruments for the next few days after school is out on Friday.
 - **Monte Vista & DLA via email Trish Copsey-** Monte Vista students did well at their Spring Concert, Open House, and Nutrition performances during the last month. Intermediate and Advanced students will play the pre-show for our 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony this Thursday, June 15th, with 8th grade students conducting the majority of pieces. I will finish collecting instruments from non-returning 6th and 7th grade students tomorrow, and hopefully have everything cleaned/checked by the end of the week. Although it was a pretty good building year, it doesn't look like we'll have quite enough students to split the Intermediate & Advanced students into separate classes next year (there are around 30 qualified Int., and about 20 qualified Adv.). Approximately 20-25% of incoming 6th grade students requested full-year Beginning Band or Intro to Beginning Band (Music 6 –semester) as their first choice elective for next year, so our Recruitment Tour in April was pretty successful. I hope everyone has a wonderful and relaxing summer!
 - **K8 Band & Mariachi via email Raynard Solomon-**
 - **K8 Band:** Band performed really well at the spring concert, from all the pieces to the soloists who worked on their own to get their piece ready. Class for them ended the last week of May where we reflected on the concert and celebrated their accomplishments for the year. All instruments have been accounted for, and I'll be working towards trying to schedule in intermediate band among all my other classes for next year.
 - **Mariachi:** After a successful spring concert performance, the week after on May 31st we did our open house performance. I think it was their first time both playing on an outdoor stage and playing for such a large audience. They did well despite all the circumstances, and they even influenced some of the younger students who came up to me and said they want to join next year. As for next year, I only have two of the four students returning so I would have just the one mariachi class but I am expecting more students to join than usual since I did talk about it

a lot during my music lessons at PVSEA.

- **K-5 Music via email Raynard Solomon-**
- **K-5 Music:** The day of this meeting will be the last day of me teaching ukulele classes. The goal for this year with ukulele is to teach at all 9 elementary schools for 6 weeks twice a week and targeting all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. Despite holiday breaks, state testing, student-parent conferences, and other last-minute conflicts, that goal was achieved. I made it my personal goal to not just teach students how to play their instruments but to reinforce concepts that will make them better musicians (things like tempo, playing together, focusing on sound first, listening for details, ect.). I also framed it as a way to help recruit those students into joining all the different YAA programs and middle school bands if they want to get more music in their life.

Overall, the students really enjoyed having music in their classrooms (teachers too!). At every school I went to, I have all received thank you notes from classes just detailing what they learned and that they appreciated the presence of music in their life. I always get a comment too saying how students have bought a ukulele or told their parents that they want a ukulele because of this class. It is my hope that for next year I can help continue their success by being able to come back to their classrooms and teach them more about music.

Thank you all for helping make this year a wonderful year for all these students through all your hard work and support!

- **YAA Strings via email Raynard Solomon- Strings:** Both the beginning strings and the intermediate strings/orchestra did well in their performances in the Spring concert. Their last days of class were the last week of May, where we reflected on their performance and talked about their plans for next year. The week after the concert on the 30th intermediate/orchestra strings did their bus tour (the first one since we came back from Covid). It was a success as students did four shows (SRTMS, LPSSA, and two for PVSEA) and got that experience as gig musicians, and it was a success in recruitment as I did have some students come up to me saying that they are interested. It definitely helps that all the students have seen me before for ukulele, and I also did talk about not just the strings program but all YAA has to offer.

The same week on June 1st the intermediate/orchestra strings played for the Meadowlark luncheon. Since it was during school not everyone could make it, but for those who did I'm sure it was a learning and enriching experience for them. We learned new pieces on a deadline of a week and we played our concert pieces as a chamber group, and as the performance went on they gained their confidence and did the best that I know they could.

Right now I am working on collecting and checking all the instruments to make sure things will be ready for next year.

- **YAA Guitar & Digital Music – Mauricio Giron (via email)**
Intro to guitar

We wrapped up the year performing various selections from our book and even ventured out to record the last week of classes. The students did fairly well. After hearing the Guitar ensemble class, some students mentioned continuing for next year.

Guitar Ensemble

Was able to record just about all the pieces we performed at the concerts.

Digital music

We took turns listening and watching the video clips of various compositions that were played prior to the beginning of the strings Concert.

- **YAA The Off Beats via email Reese Copsey-** PVSD YAA The Off Beats last day was Bus Tour on Friday May 26th. A really great year.
- **PVSD Chorus via email Joan Rust-** The Spring Concert went well, tho' Music

Director Sabrina was too sick to be there. Music Director Jesus Gonzalez did a great job with her material as well as his, and Vincent Dominguez accompanied. The raffle was fun and successful -- we took in about \$1100 in donations!

- We will be moving equipment out of Dos Caminos storage for the summer at Principal Waggoner's and Betty Weyek's advice; too risky to leave "stuff" when a school is undergoing construction and maintenance. We still have a keyboard on loan from SOKM. We can hold it with our things for the summer, or bring it back to SOKM storage. I'll get in touch w/ Betty about that.
- We know Betty's August return dates and plan to have inputs to the fall catalog ready by then -- course descriptions, day & time. Anticipate being at Dos Caminos again, but not on Thursdays because of YAA art classes.
- Sabrina Moreno will be working on a short video that can be used to promote in fall. She also means to touch base w/ the YAA instructors.
- In the coming year, Vincent Dominguez and Molly Pei will likely be involved with PVSD Chorus (along with all the others who currently are) so it would be super if you could add them to your meeting notice distribution. I'll get those emails to you. I'm going to do another spin as CICA Prez, and tho' I expect to be involved with PVSD Chorus, others may be filling in more.
- **Spring Events – Betty Spring Events** All went well.
- **Summer YAA – Betty Weyek-** There will be no summer YAA this year.
- **PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter – Dorothy Hanchey-** Thank you Dorothy for the Newsletter.
- **SOKM Donations**
 - Meadowlark Service League by Karen Gatchel- Strings played at the Meadowlark Service Luncheon, SOKM received a grant approval for \$5,840.00
 - Thank You Letters by Peggy Smith will be sending out to both Meadowlark Service League and the Lion's Club with a photo collage
 - Lion's Club by Karen Gatchel- previously requested, SOKM received a letter for a donation of \$6,000.00 to sponsor a YAA class next year 2023/24.
- **SOKM Finances – Maria Godina**
 - FY 2022-23 Financials-There will be changes in account due to fraudulent charges. A new account and checks will be given, a hold on any check requests until change of account.
 - Reconciled Statements by Richard Gatchel- one outstanding check.
 - Fiscal Year End Requests Due June 30 – Karen Gatchel
- **SOKM Board Stuff**
 - Prop 28 Plan Presentation – Dorrie Kelly & Trina Manders - NA
 - SOKM 2023-24 Meeting Schedule (see page 2) by Karen Gatchel- Karen moved to approve as presented, Peggy Smith seconded, motion was passed.
 - SOKM 2023-24 Board Election (July) – Karen Gatchel
 - SOKM 2023-24 Budget (July) – Karen Gatchel
- Next SOKM Board Meeting – Online and 700 Temple Ave, Room C3
 - Tuesday, [July 11, 2023](#), 7:00 PM

SOKM Board 2023-24 Meeting Calendar (Proposed)

- Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month unless specified
- Meetings begin at 7 pm
- Meetings are held in person when possible at
700 Temple Ave, Camarillo CA 93010, Room C3 or Betty Weyek's House
- Meetings are held on-line via ZOOM if in-person meetings are not possible.
ZOOM meeting link will be provided with the Agenda

August 8, 2023

September 12, 2023

October 10, 2023

November 14, 2023

December 2022 (No Meeting)

January 9, 2024

February 13, 2024

March 12, 2024

April 9, 2024

May 14, 2024

June 11, 2024

July 9, 2023