

Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)

Minutes of the Board Meeting

July 9, 2019

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Thank you to Betty for refreshments and for hosting the meeting at her home. Present were board members Betty Weyek, Richard Gatchel, Karen Gatchel, Nance Chaubell, and Cathy Crook. Also present were guests Mauricio Giron, Rene Godina, and Joan Rust.
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
 - As there was no quorum, the June 11, 2019 Minutes and the July 9, 2019 Agenda could not be approved. Added to the agenda were Jamba Juice and Walmart under Donations, and Chamber of Commerce and Business Cards under Board Stuff.
- Happenings
 - PVSD Music Department Update
 - Las Colinas Music – Reese Copsey: no report.
 - Monte Vista Music – Trish Copsey: no report.
 - Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School Music, Los Primeros School of Arts and Sciences Music, Pleasant Valley School of Engineering and Arts Music – Rene Godina reported that his schedule for 2019-20 is being changed. Nothing is certain yet.
 - K-5 General Music – Karine Szakos: no report
 - PVSD Youth Arts Academy (YAA) Music Update
 - YAA Beginning Keyboard –Betty reported: Keyboards are going to Monte Vista; Trish Copsey will teach the class.
 - YAA The Off Beats – Reese Copsey: Reese submitted a budget request for money for a bus for the Somis Thursday Club visit, as there is a new rule about field trips: students have to go by bus if the field trip takes place during the school day. As there was no quorum there could be no vote on this request.
 - YAA Beginning & Intermediate Guitar – Mauricio Giron reported: He wants to add another class on Friday for more advanced students. Ukulele class could replace Keyboards but it would have to be the same day as Beginning Guitar. There was some discussion of the possible schedule, including a possible “master class” for those who want to audition for Honor Band or high school band. Karen reminded the board that there needs to be 15 students in a class paying the suggested donation in order to cover the costs.
 - YAA Beginning & Intermediate Strings, Orchestra – Rene Godina reported that a few students are taking the Summer YAA class.
 - PVSD Chorus –Joan Rust reported: Vincent Dominguez is the new instructor. He is music director at St. Mary Magdalen. Joan has given him a contact sheet of SOKM people in case he is interested in collaborating on concerts. Joan wants to be sure that chorus is in sync with the brochure for fall registration: the class will be Friday, 3:30-4:30, with 2 rooms allocated at PVSEA. Joan also learned that Peach Jar is free for non-profits.
 - Suggested Donations -- The suggested donation request was discussed for the YAA: \$330 for a 2 hour class, \$250 for a 1 ½ hour class, \$200 for a

1 hour class (for Art and Ceramics, materials fee is included in the \$200).
Joan will check with her board to see if the \$200 will work for chorus. Vote will be taken at August meeting.

- Summer YAAE – Rene reported that Intermediate Band and Orchestra is a challenge to teach as the skill range is wide. There was no Beginning Band class as not enough students applied. There are 10-12 students in Beginning Strings. Another challenge is students going on vacation during the class. Mauricio reported that Beginning Guitar started with 30 but some dropped out. He is going to try meeting with some of the Intermediate students during recess. He is posting things on the website so those who go on vacation can know what they've missed. Karen reminded the board that volunteers are needed for the concerts at the end of Summer YAA on July 19.
- PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter – Dorothy Hanchey will not send out a newsletter but will send a notice about the Jamba Juice issue.
- SOKM Finances –
 - FY 2018-19 Financials—Karen presented the financials to date to the board.
 - Reconciled Statements – Richard Gatchel reported that the checking and savings accounts were reconciled through the end of June with no issues.
 - End of Year Deposits and Check Requests are due by the end of the month.
 - SOKM Budget for 2019-20: Karen presented the draft of the budget to the board and a discussion was held. As there was no quorum, the budget could not be voted on.
- SOKM Donations
 - Thank You Letters – Peggy Smith will finish them.
 - Jamba Juice: A new company bought Jamba Juice, and there is a problem with the BOGO cards SOKM has been selling being honored. Jamba Juice has eliminated the software that the cards use. The BOGO cards are still being honored but will be punched or marked to indicate uses. The holder is on the honor system to tell them how many times they have used the card previously. Nance is going to ask the company to reimburse SOKM for the unsold cards.
 - Walmart: Karen reported that the request for a grant was rejected, but now we can start over and request less.
- SOKM Board Staff
 - Refreshment Schedule for 2019-20: Karen passed around a sign-up sheet for refreshments.
 - Chamber of Commerce—Karen reported that the Chamber changed their system, so Karen emailed everybody how to register if they want to receive emails.
 - Business Cards – If you would like SOKM business cards, let Karen know.
 - NeonCRM Update – Karen Gatchel reported that we are going forward with it; it will take some training; Dick is working on setting it up for registration.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.
- Submitted by Cathy Crook acting as Secretary.
- Next SOKM Board Meeting – 700 Temple Ave, Camarillo CA 93010, Room C3
 - Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 7:00 PM