

## Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)

Minutes, July 11, 2023, 7:00 PM

PVSEA, 700 Temple Ave, Room C3 and Zoom

- Welcome and Introductions
  - Thank you to Betty for refreshments. Attendees: Karen Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Richard Gatchel, Dorothy Hanchey, Peggy Smith, Dorrie Kelly, and Serena Villalobos.
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda for June 13, 2023 Minutes and July 11, 2023 Agenda as presented, Karen Gatchel moved to approve, Peggy Smith second and motion was carried.
- Happenings
  - PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy
    - **Las Colinas – Reese Copsey-** Las Colinas bands last performance was the pre-concert for Promotion day on Thursday June 15th. We played 2 short sets, the Advanced Band, followed by the combined 7th grade Advanced Band students with my Intermediate students. They did excellent performances.  
Thank you to Betty for the huge number of hours and effort to inventory the instruments loaned to students. What a job!  
Three of my LC Advanced Band 8th grade graduates auditioned for and are now playing with the Camarillo Community Band for their concerts in July.  
Jaxon Lozano, my 7th grade (last year) percussionist auditioned for and was accepted as the youngest percussionist they have ever chosen for the Los Angeles Youth Philharmonic. Their Summer Concert performance was on Sat July 8th at Walt Disney Concert Hall.  
We don't have a Las Colinas class schedule yet, but I anticipate 3 band classes (year long) and 2 semester-long digital music elective classes as part of the regular school schedule. Right now I'm guessing I might have a total of 80 students for the 3 band classes, but I don't yet have results of which students have requested band for their elective class. Our school counselor will return and do scheduling at the end of August
    - **Monte Vista & DLA – Trish Copsey-** no report
    - **K8 Band & Mariachi – Raynard Solomon-** no report
    - **K-5 Music – Raynard Solomon-** no report
    - **YAA Strings – Raynard Solomon-** no report
    - **YAA Guitar & Digital Music – Mauricio Giron -** no report
    - **YAA The Off Beats – Reese Copsey -** The Off Beats last meeting was their bus tour on May 26th to 3 elementary schools. They also played for both lunches at Las Colinas. It's been an excellent group this year.
    - **PVSD Chorus – Joan Rust**
      - Sabrina Moreno and Jesus Gonzalez will be teaching -- you know that!
      - We know that the Dos Caminos MPR will be used for YAA Art on Thursdays, so we're thinking that our best alternative will be Tuesdays or Wednesdays, TBD, with a goal of pinning that down by very early August. If necessary, we could consider Mondays or Fridays. We've done those before and it worked out

- Our CICA Board will discuss the suggested donation amount for chorus -- not sure that jumping up to \$350 from \$250 will be right for us, but the PVSD Chorus team, and the CICA Board will need to weigh in
  - We plan to have inputs for the PVSD YAA brochure ready in early August -- anticipate running two different sections ("littles" and "bigs") on the same day as we did last school year
  - Sabrina will be updating our video for use in promoting. Very interested in reaching out to middle schools -- as always and as we all are...
  - PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter – Dorothy Hanchey- Next newsletter will be for PVSD YAA Registration at the beginning of September.
- SOKM Donations
  - Thank You Letters – Peggy Smith- not yet printed.
- SOKM Finances – Maria Godina
  - FY 2022-23 Financials
  - Reconciled Statements – Richard Gatchel- up to date to June 30th, with one outstanding check.
  - PVSD YAA Suggested Donations – Karen Gatchel Discussion about raising PVSD YAA Suggested Donations. Due to increase in PVSD extra-duty-extra-pay rate and to cover the cost of PVSD YAA classes suggested donations would need to be raised: \$400 to \$500, \$300 to \$400 and \$250 to \$350. Tabled vote until we check to see if funds left over from PVSD YAA 2022-23 can off-set huge increase.
  - SOKM 2023-24 Budget Discussion and Approval – Karen Gatchel SOKM Budget 2023-24 was presented and discussed. Karen moved to approve SOKM Budget 2023-24 as amended, Dorothy seconded, motion passed.
  - Fraud Update - Karen Gatchel- a police report has been made. Bank has fully refunded the SOKM account. Online statements, Endorsement Stamp and Checks are all with new account information.
- SOKM Board Stuff
  - Prop 28 Plan – Dorrie Kelly & Trina Manders - Will setup a meeting with Karen and Betty to create a plan.
  - SOKM 2023-24 Board Election (See Below) – Karen Gatchel. Karen Gatchel moved proposed SOKM Board Members and Officers for 2023-24 be approved as presented, Betty Weyek seconded, motion passed.

#### **SOKM Board 2023-24**

Karen Gatchel – President  
 Betty Weyek – Vice President  
 Maria Godina – Treasurer  
 Serena Villalobos – Recording Secretary  
 Peggy Smith – Corresponding Secretary  
 Richard Gatchel – Board Member  
 Dorothy Hanchey – Board Member

- Next SOKM Board Meeting – Beach House at Navy Base (Carpooling)
  - Tuesday, [August 8, 2023](#), 7:00 PM