

Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)

Minutes, September 12, 2023, 7:00 PM

700 Temple Ave, Room C3 and Zoom

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Attendees: Betty Weyek, Karen Gatchel, Peggy Smith, Serena Villalobos, Dorothy Hanchey, Raynard Solomon and Maria Godina.
 - Thank you to Peggy for refreshments.
 - Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm and adjourned at 8:32 pm.
 - Approval of SOKM Minutes for August 8, 2023 and Agenda for September 12, 2023 as amended, Karen Gatchel moved to approve, Dorothy Hanchey second, motion was passed.
- Happenings
 - PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy
 - **Las Colinas – Reese Copsey** via email- Just a bit busy!... thank you Betty for all the instruments and contracts! A lot more new kids this year. LC has 3 band classes: Beg – 38 students, Int – 30 students, Adv – 40 students. Request to School District – they should be buying Red & Blue Books for students, just like other subjects are provided with text & workbooks. Just starting to play with the Beg and Int classes! I also have 2 semester-long digital music classes.
 - **Monte Vista & DLA – Trish Copsey** via email- The MVS Band Program is off to a good start! We are still in our rebuilding phase, so I am currently teaching the following classes: Full-year Intermediate & Advanced Band combined (47 students), Full-year Beginning Band (42 students), Music 6 (Intro to Band - Elective Wheel), Music 7 (Digital Music - Elective Wheel), and DLA Digital Music (6th-8th combo, Elective Wheel). A big thank you to Betty for helping get instruments out to all of the beginning students who needed one. This was the first week with instruments for both the Beginning Band and Music 6 students and they were very excited! Due to the district's schedule adjustment for CAASPP testing, some of our tentative performance dates for May (including our Spring Concert) will need to be moved. We should be able to have new confirmed dates for at least the middle school Spring Concerts by October. Current dates for fall/winter performances include the Camarillo Christmas Parade on Dec. 9th (Intermediate & Advanced Band students are invited to participate) and the MVS Winter Concert on Dec. 16th (All MVS Band students). Additionally, the MVS Intermediate & Advanced students will probably perform some short sets at Nutrition over the next few months. Another big "Thank You!" to SOKM for helping provide all the instruments, supplies, etc. that help make a band program successful. Many of these students would not have the means to join the band program and learn an instrument without your support! It is greatly appreciated!
 - **K-5 Music – Raynard Solomon**- Next Monday 9/18 both Camarillo Heights and La Mariposa will start Ukulele for 6 weeks, twice a week each session 30 minutes. There was a meet and greet with the principal and front office staff on 9/13.
 - **K8 Band & Mariachi – Raynard Solomon**- There was a demo video presentation that will be on all the school sites, social media and parents' emails.
 - **YAA Strings – Raynard Solomon**- There was a demo video presentation that will be on all the school sites, social media and parents' emails.
 - **YAA Guitar & Digital Music – Mauricio Giron**- no report.
 - **YAA The Off Beats – Reese Copsey** via email- Posted tentative calendar for

- LC & Off Beats on school website. Again, lots of performances this year. 1st performance for Adv is Halloween Nutrition Break. Need to confirm dates with school calendar
 - **PVSD Chorus – Joan Rust-** report sent to Karen Gatchel- Classes will be held at Dos Caminos school. There was an increase in class suggested donation to \$280.
 - PVSD YAA 2023-24 – Betty Weyek
 - Awesome PVSD YAA Video created by Raynard. PVSD YAA 2023/24 will leave fees as last year and PVSD will cover the remaining costs. Non-PVSD students who are previous students can be grandfathered in, will just need their own liability insurance and off site will need to be accompanied by parents. Also, a waiver will be needed- PVSD not liable. 9/30 at 8 am YAA online registration will begin. 10/9 classes will start and continue one week after Memorial Day.
 - PVSD and Music Calendars 2023-24 – Betty Weyek- finalized calendar pending.
 - PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter – Dorothy Hanchey- will go out soon prior to registration.
- SOKM Donations
 - Thank You Letters – Peggy Smith will be sending out 2.
- SOKM Finances – Maria Godina
 - Conversion from QBO to WAVE- done. Saving \$645 by not using QuickBooks Online.
 - FY 2022-23 Financials FINAL- audits are due- both Cathy Crook and Peggy Smith will perform.
 - FY 2023-24 Financials
 - Reconciled Statements – Richard Gatchel- checking account up to date through 8/30/23. Savings account statements are quarterly. Next one 9/30.
 - AIM Insurance- Karen Gatchel- renewed and paid.
 - Walmart Spark Program – Karen Gatchel. Registered. Now need to figure out how to use.
- SOKM Board Stuff
 - Board Meeting Change (See Below) – Karen Gatchel moved for changes, Dorothy Hanchey second, motion was passed.
 - PTA Roundtable – Karen Gatchel. Finalizing a PVSD Volunteer Handbook. COVID notifications are still going out. Extra pandemic money ending. Solar projects for schools approved. Concentrating on improving attendance which has been down since pandemic.
 - Prop 28 Plan & Meetings – Karen Gatchel & Betty Weyek. District creating an umbrella plan with objectives. Each school will then complete their own plan to meet objectives.
- Next SOKM Board Meeting – 700 Temple, Room C3 and Zoom
 - Tuesday, [October 10, 2023](#), 7:00 PM

SOKM Board 2023-24 Meeting Calendar - Change

- 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 for those who cannot attend in person or if in-person meetings are not possible. ZOOM meeting link will be provided with the Agenda

August 8, 2023	February 13, 2024
September 12, 2023	March 12, 2024
October 10, 2023	April 9, 2024
November 7, 2023	May 14, 2024
December 2022 (No Meeting)	June 11, 2024
January 9, 2024	July 9, 2023

