

Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)

Meeting September 14, 2021, 7:00 PM
was in person @ Betty's Home and via ZOOM

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Thank you to Serena for refreshments. Meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm. Attendees: Karen Gatchel, Richard Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Nikki Dossman, Peggy Smith, Karine Szakos, Dorothy Hanchey, and Serena Villalobos

- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
 - August 17, 2021 Minutes and September 14, 2021 Agenda as amended- Karen Gatchel moved to approve and Betty Weyek seconded, and the motion was carried.

- Happenings
 - PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy
 - Las Colinas via email by Reese Copsey- almost all students have instruments.
 - Monte Vista & DLA via email by Trish Copsey- almost all beginning students now have instruments. A big "Thank you" to Betty for her efforts. All band classes are currently rehearsing outside with social distancing in place.
 - K8 by Karen- only 6-8 grades have music right now. Instructor is TBA.
 - YAA Strings – currently TBA
 - YAA Guitar & YAA Digital Music - Mauricio Giron- no information.
 - TK-5 Music, YAA Ukulele by Karine Szakos- TK-5 teaching all students at PVSD at all schools. 3rd graders are not using instruments or singing, using cups for rhythms. District will pay for cups and baggies for each student and scarves. Karine has found a book for Beginning Ukulele available and 20 will be ordered for YAA Beginning Ukulele at Music Freqs.
 - PVSD Chorus – Joan Rust- no information.
 - Rene Godina Replacement – Betty Weyek- TBA
 - YAA 2021-22 by Betty Weyek
 - Classes offered- Beginning Strings, Intermediate Strings, String Orchestra, Beginning Guitar, Intermediate Guitar, Beginning Ukulele, Digital Music, The Off Beats, PVSD Chorus and Art.
 - Registration 9/22 will begin online at 8 am. Demos being done online.
 - YAA Classes begin week of 10/4/21. Strings may need to start later.
 - Forms on website will be updated – written in blue with live links, grey are not live links. Google forms for instruments.

- SOKM 30th Anniversary by Committee- Dorothy will go through edits once more. It will then be sent to group of 30th Anniversary group with Karen. Would like to be sent out by October.
 - PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter by Dorothy Hanchey- will have YAA registration newsletter soon. Will also include 8th grade rewards, Ralph's, Amazon Smile and iGive sign-up information. Will post registration information on Facebook and Twitter.
- SOKM Donations
 - Family Fun Nights 2021-22 – Maria Godina- no information.
 - Thank You Letters by Peggy Smith. Letters through 9/21/2021 completed. Will process letters at the end of September for YAA Registration.
- SOKM Finances – Maria Godina
 - FY 2021-22 Financials
 - Reconciled Statements by Richard Gatchel- behind needs August statement.
 - Taxes FY 2018-19 by Karen Gatchel- currently an issue. Sent another letter to IRS to try to resolve.
 - Betty Weyek made a motion to purchase 60 Ukuleles at \$20.00 each plus tax, shipping and handling, not to exceed \$1500.00 in cost. Peggy Smith seconded, motion was carried. Funds will be from Annette Okumura Grant.
- SOKM Board Stuff – Karen Gatchel
 - PTA Roundtable – Karen Gatchel
- Next SOKM Board Meeting – Online or Location TBA
 - Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 7:00 PM
- Meeting concluded at 8:30 pm.