

## Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)

Agenda, October 8, 2019, 7:10 - 8:29 pm

- Welcome and Introductions
  - Thank you to Karen for refreshments
  - Attended by: Karen, Richard, Nikki, Nance, Cathy, Peggy, Rene, Dorothy, Betty
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
  - September 10, 2019 Minutes motion by Karen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dorothy, approved
  - October 8, 2019 Agenda, amended, motion by Karen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dorothy, approved
- Happenings
  - PVSD Music Department Update
    - **Las Colinas Music** – Reese Copsey - via email: 5 classes, total of 138 band students prepping Holiday music, Adv. Band will perform on campus for Halloween. Winter concerts at Community Center 12/7. Christmas Parade 12/14 for Adv/Int. New music stands and chairs arrived through bond measure. Off Beats: M/Th 3:30-4:30, auditions underway. Anticipating ~20. Somis Thursday Club with parent drivers 12/12 plus other concerts planned.
    - **Monte Vista Music** – Trish Copsey via email: 150 Students, prepping Holiday music, elective wheel students not required to attend Winter concert, anticipating 120 students. Thank you to Betty/SOKM for fulfilling instrument requests
    - **Los Primeros School of Arts and Sciences Music** – Rene Godina 15 beginning band students. Intermediate band has not met yet.
    - **Pleasant Valley School of Engineering and Arts Music** – Rene Godina: Mariachi 15 (still recruiting) 10 Beg Band, 11 Int., 20 for LP/PVSEA combo with no complaints about transporting students to campus for 2:30 –3:30 Fridays.
    - **Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School Music** – Rene Godina 15 Beg. And 6 Int.
    - **TK-3 General Music** – Karine Szakos: Schedule and instruments are set. Carnegie Hall program (The Orchestra Moves) will be online this year, no problem since classrooms have document cameras for projection. Good support from school staff/teachers
  - PVSD Youth Arts Academy (YAA) Music Update
    - **YAA Beg & Int Strings, Orchestra** – Rene Godina: Beg. (28) started with instruments this week, Int. (20), Orchestra (22) Inviting students to “sit in” to see if it’s appropriate. Moving

students around and accepting experienced players even if they are under the stated age requirement based on parent/teacher/student decision

- **YAA Beg & Int Guitar, Beg Ukulele** – Mauricio Giron. Beg Guitar and Beg Ukulele working on strumming different rhythms, introducing tablature, Learning melodies and exercises to strengthen left hands. Int. Guitar will absorb Guitar ensemble students (not enough for a full class) continuing from last year, intro of new music, differentiating instruction for diverse levels. Hoping for local performance opportunities.
- **YAA The Off Beats** – Reese Copsey: #s in flux, maybe 20
- **PVSD Chorus** – Joan Rust & Vincent Dominguez via email: first class started Friday, 60+ sign ups. Vincent Dominguez and Jonas Lee will be collaborating in anticipation of missed classes when Vincent's baby arrives, with Betty Nicholson accompanying. Prepping holiday concert at St. Mary Magdalen Church possible for 12/13 and XMas parade 12/14. Thanks to Betty Weyek for auto filled Emergency Forms.
- **YAA 2019-20** – Betty Weyek First day of classes WITH the start of Volleyball and Basketball resulted in chaos. Need for attentive adults to supervise skateboarders, bikers, etc. Not following safety rules. Support of custodial staff.
  - 254 students enrolled in YAA, 648 with all YAA and school programs not including TK-3<sup>rd</sup>. 20% of student population involved in music education
  - Full ceramics (29) and art (30) classes, money collected will cover costs of class. Additional funds will go toward supplies. Very popular this year with waitlist for art. Teachers unable to add other classes.
  - Guitar Ensemble canceled due to low enrollment. Happy with successful start.
  - PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter – Dorothy Hanchey; Karen expressed appreciation for multiple sign up reminders. Nothing needed in coming month.
- **SOKM Finances** – Crystal Casas - not in attendance
  - FY 2019-20 Financials:
    - SOKM is paying for CLU Center for Nonprofit Leadership membership: Karen reminded board members to sign up for newsletter and invitations to luncheons webinars & presentations. SOKM can send 2 people to any and all for the year. Cyber Security Webinar attended by Karen, Dick and Betty, helpful reminders for keeping our website secure and backed up. NEON is very secure.
    - T-shirts to be ordered for new students or those who lost theirs. Considering ordering in black for guitar and ukulele students.

Checking School Life and Mr. G's brother for pricing. One color for all string students preferred.

- Big complication with online registration, parents were confused about how to donate so SOKM was down needed donations. Karen sent out reminder/explanation emails and donations have increased to normal levels. New system NEON works well, allows for all types of reports, easy to use, easy to combine with 3 years past info which Karen uploaded already.
- Reconciled Statements – Richard Gatchel: through August. Waiting until Neon deposit schedule is settled. \$ deposited on 23<sup>rd</sup> rather than the 1<sup>st</sup>. will sort it out to work better with financial reports.
- Quickbook Online Downgrade: moved to monthly vs. Annual subscription to reduce our costs from \$750 -\$500 by downgrading from Plus to Essentials. In process. Crystal will update us next month.
- SOKM Donations
  - **Thank You Letters** – Peggy Smith will pick up envelopes and stamps. Karen reports that NEON automatically generates emails and letters plus labels in response to payments/registrations. Will figure out how to generate thank you letters and labels.
  - **Fundraisers** – Karen Gatchel
    - Jamba Juice – waiting for response re: new app version, can it be shared among family members etc. Will attempt to sell remaining ~70 cards at winter concerts to recoup money already spent.
    - Contact Crackerbarrel before they open to take advantage of their need to get the word out? Per Nikki
    - Still planning to have restaurant nights: Toppers, El Tecolote, and Panda Express. Check in with Serena
    - Other ideas:
      - Lalo's (new in Habit shopping center)
      - have student groups play during a food truck event?
      - Mariachis?
      - Betty reports \$320 income from a food truck event at St. Mary's even without explicit fundraising goal
      - Sharky's gives 20% Nance will look into this
    - Grown up style fundraisers?
      - Manhattan – contact Margie Cooper
      - Chester's
      - Wine tours via bus?
      - Craft brewery idea?
- SOKM Board Staff
  - NeonCRM Update – Karen Gatchel - very happy with program
  - PTA Roundtable
    - January mtg. To discuss formalizing the TB/fingerprint etc for all volunteers

- Parent University sessions
  - High School academy options of three area high schools
  - In-service on restorative practices to decrease expulsions
  - Informational session on vaping
  - Camarillo academic Olympics, all online except for art and debate, will alternate years with SuperQuiz.
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- Next SOKM Board Meeting – 700 Temple Ave, Camarillo CA 93010, Room C3
    - Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 7:00 PM