

## **Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)**

Minutes October 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

PVSEA, 700 Temple Ave, Room C3 and Zoom

- Welcome and Introductions
  - Thank you to Dorrie for refreshments.
  - Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm. Attendees: Karen Gatchel, Richard Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Peggy Smith, Dorothy Hanchey, Maria Godina, Dorrie Kelly, Trina Manders, Joan Rust, and Serena Villalobos.
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
  - September 13, 2022 Minutes and October 11, 2022 as amended Agenda, Karen Gatchel moved to approve as presented and Peggy Smith seconded, and motion was carried.
- Happenings
  - PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy
    - **Las Colinas via email Reese Copsey-** LCS with 3 band classes is progressing very well, so much better than last year when we couldn't play inside the classroom. The Advanced Band will be performing at Nutrition Break on the Thursday before Halloween. We're starting to work on holiday music for the Winter Concert on Dec 3rd. Also planning on the Christmas Parade and hoping to get 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to the ACHS Middle School Night. Thanks for all the support with making instruments available to the kids. My classes are small, but things are going well and students are enthusiastic.
    - **Monte Vista & DLA via email Trish Copsey-** The MVS Band program is off to a good start this year! The Intermediate/Advanced students are currently working on Halloween music for a Nutrition performance at the end of the month. This week, they will start learning music for their Winter Concert and the Camarillo Christmas Parade in December. Beginning students have now been playing for just over a month and they will be starting working on Winter Concert music within the next two weeks. Band directors from ACHS and RCHS will be visiting 8<sup>th</sup> grade band students this week to promote high school music opportunities and ACHS has invited 8<sup>th</sup> grade band students to participate in Middle School Night at ACHS on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
    - **K8 Band & Mariachi via email Raynard Solomon-** Both the Santa Rosa Beginning Band and the Los Primeros Beginning Band have started off well and are now entering their 2nd week. This week is instrument week and is all about producing a sound to then refine into something even more beautiful. Big thank you to Betty for helping with the instruments and looking forward to seeing them progress.  
For the Mariachi, we currently have a low enrollment and are looking at ways we can improve our numbers, from flyers to making a video to having a live performance again. But the students I do have are very enthusiastic about starting their instrument-playing this week and are ready to continue learning.

- **K-5 Music via email Raynard Solomon-** I am currently teaching at my first block of school sites right now - Camarillo Heights and La Mariposa. Each school site gets six weeks of two 30-minute instruction per week and are currently on their 2<sup>nd</sup> week, learning their first chord. Since this is the first year of this program, I'm still figuring things out logistically in terms of scheduling, and my next big task is finding out what to do about the early dismissal days during parent-teacher conferences. I'm working on that with my school sites, but other than that the kids are learning and having fun with music-making.
- **YAA Strings via email Raynard Solomon-** Beginning strings is off to a good start, and a lot of students have even purchased their own instrument for this class, so they're all ready to learn the next steps into playing their instrument. Intermediate Strings is also off to a great start, starting on their first piece of music and reviewing all the musical concepts we learned last year. For orchestra, I had a talk with students to decide how they want the class look for the rest of the year. They decided to make Orchestra into a chamber orchestra, performing chamber music to challenge their ensemble-playing skills, while also joining my intermediate class once a week to learn their music and be leaders in that group so that they can also participate in things like festivals.  
Again, thank you so much for your support! Even though my days are long this year, being able to share the gift of music to students helps keep me pushing through!
- **YAA Guitar & Digital Music via email Mauricio Giron-** This year I am fortunate to teach 3 different classes: Digital Music, Introduction to Guitar and Guitar ensemble. We are now in our second week in all my classes.  
The students in Digital Music are excitedly exploring and creating music on different online platforms.  
The introduction to guitar class students were all able to have a guitar. This is due to SOKMs' constant effort to make sure that music is available to students. Thank you for everything you do!  
Guitar ensemble met last week for the first time. I handed out lead sheets for students to take home and practice so we could go over the music this week. Students are all at varied levels of ability.
- **YAA The Off Beats via email Reese Copsey-** YAA The Off Beats have met 3 times, a good part of which is really auditioning to see if the students can play the music. It looks like things are starting to come together. Each year is an almost completely new group. But it should be fun.
- **PVSD Chorus – Joan Rust-** There were increased numbers of students. Betty Weyek assisted in moving classes from PVSEA to Dos Caminos. Sabrina and Jesus will be checking for concert dates. Currently, using MPR and a class room with risers and benches. With

- a room to store things including a keyboard that SOKM donated.
  - **PVSD YAA** – Betty Weyek. All classes have begun and going well. Instruments are being distributed.
  - **Social Media by Dorrie Kelly and Trina Manders-** will schedule things each month. Requesting email information for October. Will also include 3 Fun Family Nights. Information on Measure 28. YAA started. December information with Winter Concerts, Christmas Parade and 2 practices info. Will include more current classroom pictures of students throughout year.
  - **Ballot Measure 28 by Dorrie Kelly and Trina Manders-** At Farmer's Market 9/24 with kazooos and flyers. Thank you Dorrie and Trina. Will continue throughout October to post in Social Media.
  - **PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter** by Dorothy Hanchey- will add Raynard Solomon to all K8 emailing lists. Next newsletter will be in Nov for all the December events.
- **SOKM Donations**
  - **Thank You Letters** by Peggy Smith- a total of 96 letters will be sent out.
  - **Middle School Postcard** by Betty Weyek- none have been sent out yet.
  - **AppleBee's** - for 10/12/22 with 15% of proceeds a donation to SOKM.
- **SOKM Finances – Maria Godina**
  - **FY 2021-22 Audit** was done by Carey Smith and Cathy Crook, all in good order and within compliance. Can now prepare taxes.
  - **FY 2022-23 Financials** YAA donations transferred from PayPal and NeonPay.
  - **QuickBooks Online** by Karen Gatchel- prices increased to \$531. Karen will check other programs with 3 users that have similar reports used. Will check if after a few months if possible to switch and request a refund.
  - **Reconciled Statements** – Richard Gatchel- Checking account is reconciled through September. Savings account awaiting recent statement.
  - **Instrument Inventory** by Betty Weyek and Karent Gatchel- almost done. Few instruments to add to A/B/C conditions and check what needs to be retired. Will be ready for 2022/23 taxes and help with ideas for future grants.
  - **Beginning Band Instrument Status** by Betty Weyek- possibly 68 Beginning Band instruments: 10 flutes, 26 clarinets, 24 trumpets have been ordered from Henson's. 8 alto saxophones were ordered from WWBW. All will equal 2 classroom sets of Beginning Band instruments. Future grants will be for Intermediate Band Instruments and maybe increase the number of guitars.
  - **Bow Replacements Status** -Raynard Solomon- by Betty Weyek- have been ordered and will be shipped soon.
  - **Guitar via email Maurico Giron- Request-** I would like to request the purchase of soundtrap subscriptions for the digital music class. The cost according to their website is \$349 for a minimum of 50 seats. My experience with bandlab education (the free program I currently use) has been filled with various glitches and has been a challenge to set up projects where the students collaborate. Please consider my request and again thank you for everything you all do! Karen Gatchel proposed to move moneys from Beginning Ukulele to Digital Music for all categories within the budget, Maria Godina seconded, motion was carried.
- **SOKM Board Stuff**
  - PTA Roundtable by Karen Gatchel- The new Superintendent going to the

schools and get together introducing herself. Coffee with a Cop was very successful. Missing children were discussed. Notifying within 10 minutes when a child should be home. Know all friends first and last names too. There was a decrease of \$3.5 million related to decreased Reduced Lunch forms filled out online. All school sites will have events during Red Ribbon Week. PVSD received grant to setup wellness centers for the middle school students.

- Board Donations by Karen Gatchel- Requesting donations from all SOKM Board members, related to when grants are written- 100% of Board members donate.
- Next SOKM Board Meeting – Online and 700 Temple Ave, Room C3
  - Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 7:00 PM