

## Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)

Minutes October 12, 2021, 7:00 PM  
was in person at Betty's home and via ZOOM

- Welcome and Introductions
  - Thank you to Maria for refreshments. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. Attendees: Karen Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Richard Gatchel, Nikki Dossman, Peggy Smith, Dorothy Hanchey, Maria Godina, Kendra Abernathy, Mauricio Giron, Joan Rust, Karine Szakos, Raynard Solomon and Serena Villalobos.
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
  - September 14, 2021 Minutes as presented and October 12, 2021 Agenda as amended, Karen Gatchel moved to approve and Peggy Smith seconded, and the motion was carried.
- Happenings
  - PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy
    - Las Colinas by Reese Copsey- no report.
    - Monte Vista & DLA by Trish Copsey- no report
    - K8 by Raynard Solomon- only Strings offered at K8. There is low enrollment, assessments are being done and instruments will be handed out.
    - YAA Strings by Raynard Solomon- there are 20-22 beginning string students. Intermediate strings and Orchestra is now a combined class. Able to work on one piece today. All classes are working on assessments. Need a volunteer to help Strings classes with tuning.
    - YAA Guitar & AA Digital Music by Mauricio Giron- Beginning Guitar students all have instruments, there are 33 students, class has been closed to any additional students. Digital Music will start this week, no experience needed. Will start with fundamentals. With 4 students signed up, there will only be 4 sessions right now due to only \$200 in donations. More sessions can be added if more donations come in.
    - TK-5 Music, YAA Ukulele by Karine Szakos- There are 4 classes/year for TK-5 related to time, except for 3rd graders. Classes will cycle every 4 weeks until December 2021. Using colored cups, easy to sanitize. Hip Hop for 4th and 5th graders. YAA Ukulele going well. Could use help with tuning. Can I buy tuners? Yes, money budgeted for class supplies already.
    - PVSD Chorus by Joan Rust- Classes started 10/7, was a rough start with wifi passwords, gate issue, and on-line zoom screen. There are 49 students registered.
  - PVSD YAA 2021-22 – Betty Weyek
  - Music Calendar 2021-22 by Betty Weyek- pending Christmas Parade, there is a meeting 10/13/21.
  - SOKM 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Karen Gatchel- an article ready for Spring Community Concert. Possible food trucks and face painting.
  - PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter by Dorothy Hanchey- was out prior to SOKM Registration. Next until events.

- SOKM Donations
  - Family Fun Nights 2021-22 by Maria Godina- will check into: Octavio's, Mister Softee, Topper's, El Tecolote and new restaurants.
  - Thank You Letters by Peggy Smith- 92 "Thank yous" were mailed out.
  
- SOKM Finances – Maria Godina
  - FY 2021-22 Financials by Maria
  - YAA Donations – At about 70% of donations needed for YAA classes. Better than last year when we were at 40%.
  - Reconciled Statements by Richard Gatchel- all reconciled to September 30, 2021.
  - QuickBooks by Karen Gatchel- online- 11/01/21 due increased \$549 fee small business price for 1 year. Karen was able to negotiate the price to \$238 for 2021-2022.
  
- SOKM Board Stuff – Karen Gatchel
  - PTA Roundtable by Karen Gatchel- Met with new Superintendent: Dr. Danielle Cortes, former Ventura Asst. Superintendent. Had more music opportunities in Ventura as there is a Parcel Tax towards the ARTS and Title 1. Possibility for Harmony Project with New West Symphony in PVSD? Need large donors. ESSER state funding for social needs. SOKM suggested music funds to go to 4-5th graders via Drum Circles. Enough funds for 2-3 years. District has banned all indoor assemblies due to ongoing pandemic.
  
- Next SOKM Board Meeting – Online or Location TBA
  - Tuesday, [November 9, 2021](#), 7:00 PM
  - Meeting was adjourned 8:24 pm