

Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)

Minutes, October 13, 2020, 7:00 PM
ZOOM Meeting

- Welcome and Introductions, meeting started at 7:05 pm via ZOOM and adjourned at 8:20 pm. Attendees were Karen Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Richard Gatchel, Nikki Dossman, Nance Chaubell, Peggy Smith, Dorothy Hanchey, Maria Godina, Serena Villalobos, Rene Godina, Mauricio Giron, and Karine Szakos.
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda, a motion by Karen Gatchel and Betty Weyek second, were approved.
 - September 8, 2020 Minutes
 - October 13, 2020 Agenda
- Happenings
 - PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy 2020-21 Update
 - Las Colinas - Reese Copsey. No report.
 - Monte Vista - Trish Copsey. 1st Quarter at MVS included Intermediate Band, Music 7 – Digital Music, and Music 6 – General Music with Recorders. 2nd Quarter will include Advanced Band, Beginning Band, and Music 7/8 – Digital Music. I am offering 2x week 30-min rehearsals for band classes that aren't meeting as an official class during that particular quarter (e.g. right now I see Advanced Band after school). Once we return to school, I will be offering after school rehearsals for all band students because we are not allowed to have instruments on campus. The after school practices are not required, but strongly recommended so that students can at least maintain their skills during "off" quarters.

We are still working on getting SmartMusic ordered/set up for our band kids. Thanks Betty for continually following up on this! Thank you (SOKM) for the recorders for the 6th grade general music class. The students are enjoying playing music at home.
 - K8 by Rene Godina- Beginning and Intermediate Mariachi borrowed instruments last week. PVSEA Beginning Strings have been able to tune instruments. Santa Rosa received instruments last week. Awaiting for Smart Music.
 - YAA Strings by Rene Godina- Beginning Strings received instruments last week. Intermediate and Orchestra is a 12 student combo class. All have been playing, awaiting for Smart Music.
 - YAA Guitar & Ukulele by Mauricio Giron- with approximately 10 students, all have instruments but no books. Has a website with a supply list and links for stores and lessons. Uses Flip Grid within Google Classroom. There are virtual tests to do on your own. Able to play a game together. Flip Grid can record with instructions from Mauricio. Advanced Guitar practicing G Minor Pentatonic Scale, with 3 different notes over 12 bar blues, whole notes, half and quarter notes and respected rests.
 - K-3 Music, YAA Music & Movement, YAA Beg. Piano by Karine Szakos- K-3 music in person instruction is on hold with no hard dates set for school

reopening. Possible 10/26 since Ventura County is in the Red Zone. School will start with Special Education, TK/K, then grades 1-3, 4-5, 6-8, but no specific dates. Still needs to be discussed with teachers and the school board.

- PVSD Chorus - Joan Rust via a message, second rehearsal with consecutive days this Friday. There are 37 singers, both Vincent Dominguez and Emma have had good results via ZOOM. There will be a performance in December with CICU Chorus: "Like the Snowflakes." Choir starts as one group then the older and younger students break off into different chat rooms. Practice is 45 minutes long on ZOOM.
- PVSD YAA 2020-21 by Betty Weyek- Smart Music still needs to sign the contracts. Money is available. PVSD requires 2 contracts to be signed related to student information, not to be shared.
 - Canceled and Combined Classes- had to cancel Intro to Music, Music and Movement II, Beginning Recorder, and Intermediate Recorder. Combined Intermediate Guitar and Guitar Ensemble. Combined Intermediate Strings and String Orchestra.
 - Switch in Piano Teacher- from Andrew Robinson to Karine Szakos. Days/Times have changed from Wednesday/Fridays to Monday/Wednesdays and from 5 pm to 6 pm.
- PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter – Dorothy Hanchey
 - Will send email about Panda Express fundraiser
- SOKM Donations
 - YAA Donations by Karen Gatchel- currently only 8 classes, 102 attendees, 40 choir, 50% of normal donations. Had to cancel 4 classes and combine 2 classes. Can change classes from 1 hour to 45 minutes-Meadowlark Grant will buy 7 trumpets since City Grant was declined. Karen will be attending a class 10/22 for year end donations appeal.
 - Board Annual Donation by Karen Gatchel- reminder for all SOKM board members to donate, in an amount that is meaningful to you via check, NeonPay or PayPal.
 - Family Fun Nights by Serena Villalobos- Panda Express Fundraiser will be 11/10/20, nationwide with a code, order on-line. Email will be forwarded via email to SOKM board members, put on SOKM website and in Peachjar.
 - Thank You Letters by Peggy Smith and Karen Gatchel. All letters did not merge, Karen is checking why. Thank you to Peggy for getting letters stuffed and mailed.
- SOKM Finances – Maria Godina
 - FY 2020-21 Financials by Maria Godina- went over Balance sheet, Profit and Loss, Transaction List with Splits, Unfunded Liabilities, and Approved Budget.
 - Reconciled Statements by Richard Gatchel- Capital One and PBW Checking, up to date September 2020.
 - Audit FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 done by Peggy Smith and Cathy Crook. In good standing for 2 years in a row.
 - IRS Letters by Karen Gatchel-was on time by December 2019. Received another letter January 27, 2020, letter reprinted. End August 2020 another letter stating no taxes done 2019. Karen called, SOKM's case has not been assigned to anyone, a hold was placed on account. September 2020 a letter received, there

is a 60 day review period.

- SOKM Board Stuff
 - PTA Roundtable – Karen Gatchel
- Next SOKM Board Meeting – Online or Location TBA
 - Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 7:00 PM