

Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)

Minutes, November 10, 2020, 7:00 PM
ZOOM Meeting

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Meeting was called to order at 7:12.
 - Attendees were Karen Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Richard Gatchel, Nikki Dossman, Nance Chaubell, Peggy Smith, Dorothy Hanchey, Maria Godina, Kendra Abernathy, Rene Godina, Mauricio Giron, and Karine Szakos.
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
 - October 13, 2020 Minutes and November 10, 2020 Agenda - Karen moved to approve, Nikki seconded, and the motion carried.
- Happenings
 - PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy 2020-21 Update
 - Las Colinas - Reese Copsey – No report. Betty stated that the goal was to distribute all instruments this week.
 - Monte Vista - Trish Copsey – No report. Betty stated that all instruments were distributed last week.
 - K8 – Rene Godina stated that students were doing well, and they were trying to work from the book, which not all students have yet. They are still trying to get Smart Music, and are still having some technical challenges. A few students have been added. Most students are enjoying the class.
 - YAA Strings – Rene Godina reported that the students are starting to work from the book, and starting to use the bow. Intermediate/orchestra is doing well, but it's hard to work on arrangements. He will be giving them some holiday music.
 - YAA Guitar & Ukulele - Mauricio Giron gave a demonstration of kids playing together via UpBeat, and it sounds great. He is using Google classroom, and it's working well. He is also using BandLab.
 - K-3 Music, YAA Music & Movement, YAA Beg. Piano - Karine Szakos reported that third grade music and movement is happening at Camarillo Heights and Digital Learning Academy, but she can only see half the class at a time. YAA Music and Movement is doing well. Piano is doing as well as can be expected.
 - PVSD Chorus - Joan Rust reported that PVSD chorus is preparing for a December virtual event.
 - Smart Music – Betty is continuing to follow up, but the contract not complete yet.
 - Honor Groups – Karen Gatchel reported that all have been cancelled in person. All State is still accepting applications, and they are going to try to do a virtual rehearsal/video. All Southern California is probably going to push forward an audition date. Ventura County will not happen.
 - PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter – Dorothy Hanchey reported that the newsletter for Panda Express went out.
- SOKM Donations
 - YAA Donations – Karen Gatchel reported that donations were still short. PVSD

- report is currently showing a surplus due to lack of end of year activities. SOKM should be able to limp along and keep classes at designated minutes and times. Presentation of the check to the board has been postponed until January.
- Ask Letter – Karen Gatchel reported that the Center for Non-Profit Leadership said physical letters are better. Giving Tuesday has generally not had a good return. The plan is to send end-of-year handwritten ask postcards with students pictures on the front followed up with an email.
 - Family Fun Nights – Serena Villalobos reported that the Panda Express fundraiser was happening today.
 - Thank You Letters – Peggy Smith reported that they were sent out.
- SOKM Finances – Maria Godina
 - FY 2020-21 Financials – Maria Godina reported the latest numbers.
 - Reconciled Statements – Richard Gatchel reported that statements were reconciled through October.
 - SOKM Board Staff
 - PTA Roundtable – Nikki Dossman reported that plans regarding distance learning versus in-person learning were still in flux. The student advisory committee reported that students were doing ok with distance learning, but that there have been challenges. The Roundtable expressed their appreciation for SOKM's efforts to continue music education during the pandemic.
 - Next SOKM Board Meeting – Online or Location TBA
 - Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 7:00 PM
 - Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.