

Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)

Agenda, May 9, 2023, 7:00 PM

PVSEA, 700 Temple Ave, Room C3 and Zoom

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Thank you to Dorothy for refreshments.
 - Meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm. Attendees: Karen Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Dorothy Hanchey, Dorrie Kelly, Trina Manders, Joan Rust and Serena Villalobos.
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
 - April 11, 2023 Minutes and May 9, 2023 Agenda, Karen Gatchel moved to approve as presented and Betty Weyek seconded, and motion was carried.
- Happenings
 - PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy
 - **Las Colinas via email Reese Copsey** - Busy getting ready for performances. Spring Concert for all 3 LC bands and Off Beats outside the band room here on Sat May 20th – concert in the “park”. LC Awards Night is Tuesday June 13th, but the time isn’t set yet. I’m guessing about 6pm. The SOKM presentation for Most Outstanding has always been the first on the program. Then all 3 LC bands will play at Open House on Wed May 24th. I’ll be checking instruments after Graduation and return them to PVSEA. Don’t know the schedule yet.
 - **Monte Vista & DLA via email Trish Copsey**- Monte Vista Band students are busy working on music for their Spring Concert on Friday, May 19th as well as their Open House performance on Wednesday, May 24th. Intermediate & Advanced Band students will also perform the Pre-Show for our 8th Grade MVS Promotion Ceremony on Thursday, June 15th. We may also have a short Nutrition performance sometime after the CAASPP testing window finishes. I will start collecting instruments from students who are not continuing next year (except for 8th graders who are playing at Promotion) between June 9th-12th.
 - **K8 Band & Mariachi via email Raynard Solomon**- Band and Mariachi will have their Spring Concert performance on the 18th, along with YAA strings. They have all been working so hard on their pieces and their music, and I am just as excited as them to present all their hard work.
Mariachi has one more performance at PVSEA’s open house on the 24th. They are expected to play from 5:30pm at the stage on the lawn, a kind of “picnic at the park” event at that time.
The last week of school for all these ensembles is the week of May the 22nd. I will be collecting instruments from everyone by the end of that week unless otherwise communicated with me.
 - **K-5 Music via email Raynard Solomon**- I finished up my 6-week term at Rancho Rosal on May 5th. I’ve had a lot of students and teachers come up to me or write to me saying how much they appreciated having all these ukulele lessons. Even though my time with them is short, they all improved so much in just a short amount of time in terms of their instrument-playing and their musicianship.

This week I am starting with LPSSA, though since CAASPP testing is taking place this week and next week so I had to rearrange a lot of schedules. I was supposed to start at LPS this week as well, but the principal has requested me to start after state testing, meaning I have to adjust my lesson plans and they have less time on the instruments compared to the rest of the district.

- **YAA Strings via email Raynard Solomon-** The strings program will be having their concert on May 18th alongside the band and mariachi. All the ensembles have been working hard on their program, and will demonstrate it as best as they can on that night.
YAA Intermediate Strings and Orchestra is also preparing for the bus tour on May 23rd. This is my first time doing the bus tour, so I am excited to show off our program and inspire students to join us for next year. The students at LPSSA, SRTMS, and PVSEA already know me from ukulele lessons, so it's all about putting on a fun show for everybody.
- **YAA Guitar & Digital Music via email Mauricio Giron- Intro to Guitar-** Students are reviewing their repertoire for the upcoming concert May 17. I have a couple of students that have asked about doing a solo and as always I welcome anyone that has the interest. We have two more rehearsals before our concert.
Guitar ensemble- Students are reviewing their repertoire. They will not be going on the Bus tour this year. We've been working on a few different pieces which include trios, duets and a Round. We have one more rehearsal before the concert.
Digital Music- Students are finishing up their 2-3 minute compositions which will be performed before the guitar concert. I have asked the students to submit a few images that they would like to include as the audio is playing. We have one more class meeting before the concert.
- **YAA The Off Beats via email Reese Copsey-** Off Beats doing their Recruit Bus Tour to 3 elementary schools plus play both lunches at LC on Fri May 26.
- **PVSD Chorus by Joan Rust-** Sabrina Moreno and Jesus Gonzalez will continue teaching for the school year 2023-2024. Meadowlark grant for \$2000 has been approved. PVSD Chorus Concert was well received. Santa Paula HS Choir, Ventura HS Choir and Rancho Campana HS Choir all joined the concert. For the upcoming concert, only prepacked foods will be permitted, no homemade snacks. There will be prizes for a raffle. There is a scheduled meeting with Daniella Cortez at the end of May to discuss ideas to better outreach and promote in the middle schools.

- **Spring Events – Betty Weyek - Spring Concerts:**
 - May 18 at 5-6 pm YAA Art at Dos Caminos MPR.
 - May 18 at 7 pm YAA Strings, Orchestra and Mariachi
 - May 19 at 6:30 pm Monte Vista Bands at Monte Vista Gym
 - May 20 at 6:30 pm Las Colinas Bands outdoors at Las Colinas.
 - May 20 at 7:10 pm YAA The Off Beats outdoors at Las Colinas
 - May 23 at 8:15 YAA Intermediate Strings and Orchestra Bus Tour to SRTMS, LPSSA and PVSEA schools with a pizza lunch.

- May 23 at 6:30 pm PVSD Chorus at Dos Caminos.
 - May 26 YAA The Off Beats Bus Tour to Los Primeros, Tierra Linda schools.
 - **ACHS Colorguard and Drumline Clinics by Betty Weyek-** There will be upcoming clinics. Information posted on Facebook and Twitter
 - **PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter by Dorothy Hanchey-** Thank you to Dorothy who sent out with upcoming events and thank yous to Dick Devillers for updating website and Betty Weyek flyers and social media videos/images.
- SOKM Donations
 - **Camarillo/Pleasant Valley Lions Club by Karen Gatchel-** Presented at Lions club meeting on April 25. Karen was told to send a letter asking for a specific amount of donation.
 - **Thank You Letters – Peggy Smith** were done by Peggy Smith.
- SOKM Finances – Maria Godina
 - FY 2022-23 Financials by Karen Gatchel- went over Transactions from April 11 to July 31, 2023.
 - Reconciled Statements by Karen Gatchel was reconciled up to end of April.
 - Fiscal Year End Requests Due June 30 – Karen Gatchel reminder for any outstanding requests.
- SOKM Board Stuff
 - Prop 28 Plan – Dorrie Kelly & Trina Manders presented ideas and asked questions for plan
 - PVSD Board Meeting 4/20 @ 6:00 pm – Karen Gatchel. SOKM presented the donation check for YAA salaries at the Board meeting. Karen, Betty and Richard attended.
 - PTA Roundtable – Karen Gatchel- Budget was released last Thursday.
 - LCAP - Peggy Smith-
 - SOKM 2023-24 Board Election (June) – Karen Gatchel
 - SOKM 2023-24 Meeting Schedule (June) – Karen Gatchel
 - SOKM 2023-24 Budget (July) – Karen Gatchel
- Next SOKM Board Meeting – Online and 700 Temple Ave, Room C3
 - Tuesday, [June 13, 2023](#), 7:00 PM