

SOMERSET AUXILIARY  
of the  
JOHNSTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Minutes from the August Meeting of the Somerset Auxiliary of the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra. The SAJSO held their August meeting at the Georgian Inn on Wednesday, **August 13, 2014**. Co-president Gay Reed called the meeting to order. The minutes from the July meeting were approved. Gay gave the treasurers report.

Members present were Beckie Bracken, Sam Hanson, Pat Hofscher, Fran Langley, Dennis McNair, Esther Michaud, Betty Pyle, Gay Reed, Eleanor Schrock, Jeanne Wagle and Daryl Jones. Guests present were Bob and Earletta Maples and Don Reed.

Gay passed out the fliers for our upcoming fundraiser, "Taste of the Laurel Highlands". She also passed around the master sheet of participating restaurants for members to update which restaurants are providing food and those who are donating gift certificates. In September, members will be calling those who attended last year to let them know that the Taste of the Laurel Highlands will be held on Wednesday, October 15. Pat Hofscher reminded those members who are donating gift baskets, that we cannot have any alcoholic beverages in the baskets. We can have a gift certificate for wine, etc.

Pat Hofscher said the information about the Opera Festival was sent out. Members who did not receive theirs can contact the symphony office. Pat passed out small posters for the Opera Fest to hang around town. Pat thanked member, Jeanne Wagle, for the beautiful watercolor she painted and is donating for the Opera Fest.

Dennis McNair stated that the JSO is doing its very best to meet its mission statement. He informed us of the many outreach programs. The upcoming JSO season is going to be wonderful! He congratulated the SAJSO on our fund raising efforts.

Fran Langley made a motion to donate money to the symphony in the memory of Dick Hauger. His wife Luella (Lu) was one of the first founding members of the SAJSO and his grandson, Brian Zeigler is a member of the orchestra. Eleanor Schrock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Guests, Bob and Earletta Maples (Gay's brother and sister-in-law) from Bradenton, FL, gave a generous donation to the SAJSO for the "Taste of the Laurel Highlands", having been inspired by the discussions at the meeting.

Gay Reed provided the Sunshine Basket and it was won by Betty Pyle.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10 at Du Soleil Brasserie in Ligonier at noon.

We were just finishing our delicious lunch -- when Dennis felt a drip, drip, drip on his head! Unfortunately, the pipes on the second floor were leaking and soon water was dripping down in many places. It was a strange way to end a meeting, and what a calamity for the Georgian Inn. Chuck Cherrie, Georgian Inn proprietor, graciously offered to have two tables at this years "Taste of the Laurel Highlands", and to publicize the event to those on the Georgian Inn's email list. Thank you Chuck!!

Respectfully submitted by Daryl Jones, Substitute Secretary