

SOMERSET AUXILIARY
of the
JOHNSTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Somerset Auxiliary of the JSO met on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at noon at Green Gables Restaurant in Jennerstown. 21 people attended. President Gay Reed welcomed everyone and noted the nice turnout for the lunch/meeting, as well as for the opening matinee "Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat" at The Mountain Playhouse.

Members attending were Janet Black, Beckie Bracken, Syd Bowersox, Natalie Cornez, Becki Dickey, Sam Hanson, Ruth Hofmaster, Daryl Jones, Fran Langley, Esther Michaud, Louise Majesky, Mary Pell, Betty Pyle, Gay Reed, Eleanor Schrock, Leah Shimer, Jane Sotomayor and Jeanne Wagle. Johann Fox was Natalie Cornez' guest and Daryl Jones' pretty daughter and granddaughter accompanied her.

Gay introduced a listing of last year's restaurants attending our Taste of the Laurel Highlands in October 2013. She asked that members re-enlist to contact those restaurateurs for this year's fundraiser. Gay passed around the list for members to check off their choices. Also, Gay thanked Co-treasurer Sydney Bowersox for arranging and collecting fees for the matinee, which members and guests would attend after the meeting. There were no corrections offered to the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as emailed.

Co-treasurer Syd Bowersox reviewed her Treasurer's Report which recorded a balance of \$1,614.05 as of June 30, 2014. She noted that income is increasing. O'Shea's Chocolate Bars are now being sold by and for the auxiliary. Sale of cookbooks is in the black after 10 years! Total income from cookbooks is \$5,212 and expenses were \$3,809. Syd urged members to "push" cookbooks, as it provides seed money for our Taste fundraiser in October and a golf tournament projected for August 2015.

New business was introduced by member Jeanne Wagle. Jean put forward a unique idea for a fundraiser in Somerset next year. It would be a paint and drink event! People attending would paint their own watercolor using a sketch prepared by Jean Wagle. Jean would be available to direct and mentor. She explained that this type of event has been very successful in Florida and elsewhere. This was recognized as a great idea by all.

The Sunshine Basket gift was donated by Louise Majesky and won by Leah Shimer. The colorful bag included two whimsical pottery items that Leah will put in her grandchildren's playhouse. The next SAJSO meeting will be held at noon on August 11, 2014 at Georgian Inn. The meeting closed at 1:30pm followed by the musical play.

Submitted by Ruth Hofmaster, Recording Secretary