

SOMERSET AUXILIARY  
of the  
JOHNSTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
Minutes for May, 2014

The **Somerset Auxiliary** of the JSO met on Wednesday, **May 14, 2014** at noon at Kings and Queens Restaurant. 12 members and 4 guests attended. The meeting was called to order at 12:15 and lunch orders were taken. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as emailed. Additional paper copies were made available. There was no treasury report but Co-treasurer Syd Bowersox will be present to report at the June meeting.

Members attending were Natalie Cornez, Becki Dickey, Sam Hanson, Ruth Hofmaster, Pat Hofscher, Louise Majesky, Betty Pyle, Gay Reed, Eleanor Schrock, Jane Sotomayor and Jeanne Wagle. Guests included Bob Hanson, Gary Hofmaster, Ray and Janice McGreehan and Don Reed. We were pleased to have the JSO Board President, Dennis McNair, join us.

A \$5.00 raise in dues had been voted upon and approved at the last meeting. Co-Treasurer Jane Sotomayor was available to collect \$20. Final payment is due at the June meeting. The monies will go to our Taste of the Laurel Highlands fundraiser on October 15. It is confirmed that Windsong Strings will play for us at this event. Also, Co-President Sam Hanson reviewed the Ruby Tuesday's GiveBack Program that took place on April 17 and April 23 in Somerset. 20% of sales on those days goes to the JSO.

Gay Reed, Co-President had suggested that our auxiliary do our own Bach's Lunch here in Somerset. Pat Hofscher explained the preparations needed for the fundraiser: Orders taken and monies collected ahead of time, boxes provided, vendors arranged for and finally lunches assembled and delivered by volunteers. Quite an undertaking! The JSA made about \$4500 from the Bach's Lunch. It was decided to let them continue on, they do such a great job.

Dennis McNair, JSO Board, praised the auxiliaries and reviewed his remarks made at the May 3rd concert. He described the auxiliaries as the "brick layers" of symphony support. Charlotte Aubrey, stepping down as JSA President, was recognized for her 8 years of uninterrupted service to the orchestra, as was Eleanor Schrock for her service as president of the SAJSO. Dennis McNair also said that he had very often heard Eleanor Schrock's name in symphony circles. She was always available to step into various supportive activities or fill in for other officers, in addition to her long

standing duties as President. Flowers were presented at the concert to Eleanor and Charlotte.

Dennis McNair also mentioned the Share the Music program which will begin rolling in the fall. This program seeks to fill the gap in music education left by the reduction in school music programs. It provides instruments, instruction, venue and support to needy students.

Pat Hofscher reported on the Mother's Day concert, which was full of varied familiar selections and highlighted by 9 year-old Johnstown student Ryleigh Jones singing "Mother's Love" There may not have been quite as big an audience as last year, perhaps due to the sunny weather outside. There were also ¼ less military represented – the lowest yet. Income from the concert should total over \$600. In addition 13 cookbooks were sold, as well as 5 at the Community Strings Concert on May 15. Pat stated the symphony season is now over, but reminded us of other outreach programs scheduled, as well as the opera gala next September. The new season brochure is now available.

Louise Majesky reported on the golf outing scheduled for August 18 at Indian Lake Golf Club, and that we should have sponsors. Pat Hofscher suggested we send out letters, using a JSA fashion show letter as a model. Following up on these letters is important; also going to the Chamber of Commerce for a letter and getting included in their monthly newsletter. More volunteers are needed for this event.

The Sunshine Basket gift was provided by Jeanne Wagle. It is a beautiful matted floral watercolor painted by Jeanne, and Becki Dickey was the lucky winner. The meeting was closed for lunch. The next SAJSO meeting will be held at noon on June 14, 2014 at Pine Grill in Somerset.

Ruth Hofmaster  
Recording Secretary.