

SOMERSET AUXILIARY
JOHNSTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Minutes November 5, 2015

The Somerset Auxiliary of the JSO met on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 12:30 pm at The Georgian Inn in Somerset. Members present were Beckie Bracken, Mike Cascio, Leslie Custer, Mindy Forry, Sam Hanson, Bob Hanson, Gary Hofmaster, Ruth Hofmaster, Pat Hofscher, Rob Hudson, Louise Majesky, Teresa Marafino, Janice McGreehan, Sue Menser, Monica Morrill, Beth Pile, Gay Reed, Don Reed, Eleanor Schrock and John Sotomayor.

President Gay Reed opened the meeting at 12:45 pm and introduced her guest from Indian Lake, Monica Morrill, who joined our group right away. A motion was made and seconded and the Minutes from the last meeting were approved as emailed. A vote to move our monthly meetings to the first (rather than second) Thursday of the month was approved. This enables JSO players among us to attend.

Treasurer Bob Hanson reported, to hearty applause, that over \$10,000 was made by our October fundraiser Taste of the Laurel Highlands! Bob broke down the income for us into ticket sales, sponsorships, Silent auction, Chinese auction and 50/50 drawing. Bob noted that he would insert three sponsors that were inadvertently left out of the Taste Program into the website. He added that he also will put the JSOA Poinsettia and Plant Fundraiser on our SAJSO website. He will change the Form so that people can order the Poinsettias directly from our website.

Heart-felt gratitude was expressed to Teresa Marafino for her much appreciated support and use of the Green Gables venue. Teresa was presented a gift certificate from the SAJSO to the Georgian Inn in thanks. Also a big Thank You to Eleanor Schrock, who sold the most tickets! And John Sotomayor, a super Master of Ceremonies! Gay thanked everyone for their helping hands and needed support. Oct. 18th, 2016 is the date projected for next year.

Pat Hofscher, Orchestra Manager, announced that Rob Hudson, formerly Development Director, has now been made Executive Director of the JSO. Rob complimented us on our "Taste" fundraiser, although he was unable to attend the event. He is working on an idea to help bring people from Somerset County to JSO concerts. He noted that the next concert will feature Troy Quinn, who has conducted for the Rolling Stones and Glee. Congratulations Rob and we continue to look forward to your input!

Our Sunshine Basket was given by Gay Reed, a beautiful orchid and it was won by Sam Hanson. Our next meeting will be at Somerset Country Club on Dec. 3rd at 12:30pm, where our check for \$10,000 will be accepted by Dennis McNair on behalf of the JSO. Sincerely, Ruth Hofmaster, Recording Secretary.