

**SOMERSET AUXILIARY**  
**of the**  
**JOHNSTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA - OCTOBER 8, MINUTES**

The Somerset Auxiliary of the JSO met on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 12:30 pm at Crazy Alice's Café in Somerset. Members present were Belinda Baker, Mike Cascio, Leslie Custer, Mindy Forry, Barbara Guy, Jim Guy, Sam Hanson, Bob Hanson, Gary Hofmaster, Ruth Hofmaster, Pat Hofschler, Louise Majesky, Teresa Marafino (new member), Dennis McNair, Sue Menser, Kathy Picking, Beth Pile, Gay Reed, Don Reed, Eleanor Schrock, Jane Sotomayor, John Sotomayor, and Jeanne Wagle. Lunch was ordered so the meeting could progress while lunch was being prepared.

President Gay Reed opened the meeting at 12:45 pm and members introduced themselves for the benefit of new members. A motion was made and seconded that the Minutes from the last meeting be approved as emailed. Treasurer Bob Hanson reported that over \$6,000 rested in the checking and Paypal accounts. Bob passed around account summaries for review, which showed a considerable increase from last month. Corporate donations to Taste of the Laurel Highlands are way ahead of last year! Mike Cascio made a donation at the meeting on behalf of Fike, Cascio and Boose of Somerset.

100 out of 200 tickets to "Taste" have already been sold, compared to a final total of 115 sold last year. Bob passed around a list of paid tickets for review, and Gay encouraged members to continue selling tickets. O'Shea's chocolate bars are now able to sell for a \$600 profit, and will be sold at the "Taste". Bidding logistics for the Chinese and Silent auctions were discussed. A sheet for volunteers to sign up to help at Green Gables was passed around. Gay encouraged members to view the "Taste" on the SAJSO website, expertly maintained by Bob Hanson. She thanked Pat Hofschler for providing auction items left over from the JSO Opera Fest. We are looking forward to a great party!

Dennis McNair discussed the groundbreaking JSO season coming up by reviewing the six auditioning conductors, several with a Pennsylvania residence history. All will be showing off their best works and there will be audience input as to their performance! The first conductor Scott Seaton will attend our Taste of the Laurel Highlands and then open the JSO concert season on Oct. 17.

Monies and names were collected for our Sunshine Basket drawing. The funds are used by the Auxiliary for expenses to send cards to ill members and memorials for members who have passed away. This time Louise Majesky brought in a varied basket of special culinary foods, won by John Sotomayor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm. Our next monthly meeting will be held at Georgian Inn in Somerset on Thursday, November 12, 2015, at 12:30 pm.

Sincerely, Ruth Hofmaster, Recording Secretary.