

SOMERSET AUXILIARY  
of the  
JOHNSTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
**September 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

The Somerset Auxiliary of the JSO met on Thursday, **September 10, 2015**, at 12:30 pm at the **Somerset Country Club**. Members present were Beckie Bracken, Mike Cascio, Leslie Custer, Mindy Forry, Sam Hanson, Bob Hanson, Gary Hofmaster, Ruth Hofmaster, Louise Majesky, Dennis McNair, Beth Pile, Gay Reed, Don Reed, Eleanor Schrock, Jane Sotomayor and Jeanne Wagle. We had three guests Barbara and Jim Guy of Indian Lake and John Sotomayor.

President, Gay Reed opened the meeting at 12:30 pm and introduced our guests. Gay passed around more flyers for members to post in the community. Minutes from the last meeting were approved as emailed. Treasurer Bob Hanson explained that his Report is on the member page of the SAJSO website, where there are Somerset Trust & PayPal account overviews. Gay encouraged members to go to our website, where they can see these reports, as well as all donations, dues, etc. Ruth Hofmaster asked that members bring in any printed news about the JSO/SAJSO that they see in Somerset media.

The Sunshine Basket was circulated to collect \$1.00 donations and names. A colorful pot of mums was provided by Eleanor Schrock and won by Beth Pile. A motion was made and seconded to give a cash donation to the JSO Memorial Fund on behalf of Jim Beener, longtime JSO supporter. Our three guests joined as new members during the meeting, Barbara Guy, Jim Guy and John Sotomayor. Welcome all.

Dennis McNair reviewed the exciting JSO season coming up with six new conductor candidates selecting music and performing. We will award the first guest conductor, Scott Seaton from North Dakota with two tickets to our “Taste” fundraiser. Beth Pile encouraged everyone to please attend this season's unique classical concerts, where there will be audience participation. Maestro Jaray will continue to conduct the Opera Festival and Youth Symphony.

As to our “Taste” fundraiser, Gay Reed encouraged members to sell more tickets and to gather more items and baskets for auctions, door prizes, raffles, and to seek more corporate sponsors. Restaurants total 19 at this time, but we need more gift certificates and other donations. Jeanne Wagle showed us an example of her lovely Batik art work. She will donate one of her paintings for the Silent Auction, along with a Vera Bradley accessory bag from Clothesline. Jeanne is also teaching a class – she contact her if you are interested. Gay Reed asked for a new Master of

Ceremonies for the auctions and raffles, John Sotomayor volunteered to do this. Thank you very much John!

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm. Our **next monthly meeting** will be held at **Crazy Alice's Café** in Somerset on **Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015, at 12:30 pm**, shortly before our Taste of the Laurel Highlands. Louise Majesky is in charge of the next Sunshine Basket.

Sincerely, Ruth Hofmaster, Recording Secretary.