

Somerset Auxiliary
 **JOHNSTOWN**
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Somerset Auxiliary of the JSO met on Thursday, **March 2, 2017** in a spacious party room of the Somerset Country Club. President Gay Reed opened the meeting at 12:35 p.m. with a welcome and introductions all around. Printed order menus were on the table at each place to select, sign, and be collected. The Sunshine Basket was circulated.

Eighteen members and one guest were in attendance, including special members Mike Walther, Pat Hofschler and Dennis McNair of Johnstown. Thank you three and all for attending! ♦ Minutes from the February meeting were approved and seconded. ♦ Treasurer Bob Hanson reported that there is about \$1,150 in our SAJSO account, less an outstanding \$200 check for the Lottery Drive and \$131 owed to Pay Pal. His report was approved and seconded. ♦ Teresa Marafino will provide a report on the Lottery ticket sales at our April meeting.

Mike Walther, JSO Executive Director, announced that the March 11 concert is sold out and there is a waiting list! Complimentary tickets are limited. He noted that tickets can be resold if ticket holders inform the office they cannot attend. Also, they can receive a tax receipt if they donate their tickets or they can exchange them for attendance in April or May. Mike added that he is looking into arrangements for bus service from Westmont and Somerset to the Pasquarelli Theater for concerts. We had such a service from Somerset at one time – but it became too expensive.

Beth Pile, Vice Pres. & Orchestra Mgr. said that she is happy with the phone calls that our SAJSO volunteers made to follow up on the Annual Fund Drive. Also, she added that flyers have been printed for the April 1 concert, which features a young cellist hailed as another Yo Yo Ma!

Sue Menser for the Tea Committee reported that there are still tickets available for our Georgian Inn Tea Party on Saturday, March 18 at 2:30 pm. There will be a drawing and other enjoyable activities at the Tea. Walk-ins will be accepted but not encouraged. Bob Hanson, Treasurer, added that of the 21 tickets already sold,

only one is from a non-SAJSO member. Everyone has been encouraged to bring someone who is not a SAJSO member in order to raise awareness of the JSO and raise membership in the Somerset Auxiliary.

The 25th JSO Fashion Show is scheduled for May 2 and there will be two fashion makeovers offered as part of the event. Louise Majesky has volunteered for the makeover from our group. She is looking forward to it! ♦ The Sunshine gift at this meeting was provided by Leslie Custer and Mindy Forry of the Tea Committee. It is a Gift Certificate to Baker's Home & Garden Center, Somerset, won by Dennis McNair, whose wife is an avid gardener! ♦ Chocolate candy bars were passed around the table for sale.

The venue for our next meeting will be the Kings and Queens Restaurant, Stoystown, on April 6 at 12:30 pm. Beth Pile will preside. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Sincerely, Ruth Hofmaster
Recording Secretary

P.S. The Symphony Tea has had to be postponed due to unexpected construction at the Georgian Inn. We will announce the new date as soon as possible. Gay