

SOMERSET AUXILIARY
of the
JOHNSTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Somerset Auxiliary of the JSO met on Thursday, **April 7, 2016** at 12:30 pm at Oakwood Restaurant, Davidsville. Nineteen people were present including JSO guest conductor Jason Lim, JSO Executive Director Robert Hudson, Retired JSO Dir & Manager Pat Hofscher, JSOA Rec Secretary Monica Kozak and Michael Kozak.

President Gay Reed opened the meeting at 12:45 pm and asked members and guests to introduce themselves. Gay thanked Maestro Jason Lim for honoring us with his valuable time. O'Shea's candy was passed around for purchase, with accolades to Teresa Marafino for selling \$48 worth of candy this month and about the same last month. A motion to approve the Minutes from the last meeting as emailed was made and seconded. As Treasurer Bob Hanson was unable to attend, President Gay stated that his report is basically the same as last month. Bob subsequently emailed the STC balance to members--up somewhat from last month and including deposits collected at this meeting.

Teresa Marafino announced that Lottery prizes were going out and distributions are in line with state guidelines. Pat Hofscher, Chair for the Bach's Lunch, reviewed the need for help and volunteers on April 20 and 21. She noted that pick-up for Indian Lake and Somerset will be at Green Gables, Jennerstown. As to golf, Rob Hudson shared that 112 brochures were mailed out to advertise the May 13 golf fundraiser. Gay noted that Kenny Ross Chevrolet, thanks to Bob Hanson, will donate a car for display and the cost of the insurance to give it away for a hole-in-one. Other sponsors/donors are needed and welcome for the event. Additional marketing ideas offered at the meeting to promote the JSO, are to have teachers "adopt a musician" program, and for students to sell tickets to earn a free JSO concert.

Rob Hudson spoke of the "fantastic" upcoming concert program with Jason Lim, and noted that he brought Mr. Lim to this meeting and other venues to acquaint him with our auxiliaries and activities. He further encouraged members to bring someone new to each concert and he is working with students at UPJ on a marketing plan to attract people. Mr. Lim spoke at length about his journey to becoming a conductor, and the importance of the orchestra to the community. He emphasizes his story and growth to inspire students. Have a dream and it also can be a dream

for the community!

Monies were collected in the Sunshine Basket. Ruth Hofmaster brought the Sunshine gift of wine and pistachios and it was won by Michael Kozak. Also, Ruth ordered carrot cupcakes to be made by Oakwood's bakery chef for member Gary Hofmaster's birthday. They were especially good! and enjoyed by all, as were the lunches. The next meeting has been changed to take place at the Indian Lake Golf Club, as Pine Grill does not have a large enough setting for meetings. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Sincerely, Ruth Hofmaster, Recording Secretary.