

SOMERSET AUXILIARY  
of the  
JOHNSTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Somerset Auxiliary of the JSO met on Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 12:30 pm at Mostoller's Country Corral in Friedens. 19 members met in a charming, paneled private room. Attendance included Pat Hofschler, JSO Manager Retired; Melanie Buffy, JSO office intern; Paul Cornez, back from Florida; and our two violinists in the JSO, VP Beth Pile and Mike Cascio. Member names and home-town pride were accounted for in a roll call. The Sunshine gift basket was provided by Barbara Guy and won by Beth Pile. It included a clever garden lantern and towels. Food orders were taken and the meeting opened.

A motion to approve the July Minutes as emailed to members was approved. Treasurer Bob Hanson reported nearly \$2,450 in the Somerset Trust checking account and PayPal, including a number of "Taste" tickets and sponsorships already paid for. One check is outstanding to Atlas Printing.

The Youth Symphony and SAJSO will again be selling candy bars throughout the year. VP Beth Pile will talk to the JSOA to see if they will continue this coming season as well. They have to be paid for in advance so Beth will work out the logistics for JSOA and Youth Orchestra allotments.

As to our Taste of the Laurel Highlands, President Gay passed out a few flyers. They are printed on high quality paper and are 50 cents each, so they should be used judiciously. Bob Hanson has now emailed a pdf copy to members for home printing. Gay also had more tickets on hand to sell.

Gay handed out her list of vendors and donors from last year to be updated. The Indian Lake Resort Lodge/Restaurant is still a prospect, though they are now closed to the public; it will be primarily a wedding and catering venue going forward. Contact must get under way for more restaurants and gift certificates. Also baskets are needed. Paul Cornez volunteered to be the MC for the event. Thank you Paul! Whether to allow taking table reservations at Green Gables was discussed. It was decided to accommodate reservations for tables of 6-10 people in combination, encouraging larger groups that wish to sit together.

Bob Hanson will continue to update our Taste website with restaurants and donors and will keep us updated on tickets sold. Businesses who contribute will get complementary tickets, exposure on our website and be named in the program.

The new brochure for the upcoming JSO season, with James Blachly conducting, is set to come out this coming week.

Our next meeting will be on September 1 at the Georgian Inn in Somerset.

Sincerely, Ruth Hofmaster, Recording Secretary