

SOMERSET AUXILIARY  
of the  
JOHNSTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Somerset Auxiliary of the JSO met on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 12:30 pm at Coal Miner's Cafe, Jennerstown. Members present were Syd Bowersox, Mike Cascio, Leslie Custer, Mindy Forry, Bob Hanson, Gary Hofmaster, Ruth Hofmaster, Pat Hofscher, Rob Hudson, Louise Majesky, Teresa Marafino, Janice McGreehan, Dennis McNair, Sue Menser, Kathy Picking, Beth Pile, Gay Reed, Don Reed and Eleanor Schrock.

President Gay Reed welcomed attendees at 12:45 pm and asked members to introduce themselves around the tables. A motion to approve the Minutes from the last meeting was made and seconded. Bob Hanson, Treasurer, was complimented by IRS auditors on his great job for 2015. Well-deserved, Bob! Bob thanked Syd Bowersox for her helping him in the transition of treasurer. He noted that there is now approximately \$1,000 in our SAJSO account with no outstanding debt.

President Gay noted sadly that long-time member Natalie Cornez from Indian Lake passed away on December 23. It was Natalie who provided the idea and impetus to start our Taste of the Laurel Highlands fundraiser. Gay recommended that our SAJSO auxiliary make a \$100 donation to the JSO in Natalie's name. A motion to that effect was made and seconded. In addition, Gay encouraged members to talk to restaurant owners and managers throughout the Laurel Highlands about our fundraiser. She added that owners of a new restaurant she and Don Reed recently visited reserved a table immediately for the October 2016 event. Don suggested that restaurants in the Galleria Mall may be perspective vendors, and Jennerstown also was suggested by Teresa Marafind.

Teresa Marafino said that lottery tickets still are available from her. There are 62 chances for participants to win money in March. Teresa also took O'Shea's chocolates with her from this meeting to sell to her Green Gables staff. Some Coal Miner's staff, as well as SAJSO members, bought chocolate bars.

Pat Hofscher and Dennis McNair commented on the JSO office move from the Zamias Building, which is being demolished, to the Galleria Mall. The Zamias family owns the new site in the Mall and they were very cooperative in providing this larger space at a good rate for the JSO office: 500 Galleria Drive, Suite 284, Johnstown 15904. An Open House for the new office will take place later in January. Dennis also encouraged members to come to the next concert. The concert evaluations have been gratifying!

Rob Hudson, Executive Director, (dressed to move!) showed us a diagram of the new office and added that Johnstown supporters have been helpful, such as CTC providing furniture, Zamias Properties paint, and others. On another subject, it was noted that three SAJSO members--Gay Reed, Louise Majesky, Jeanne Wagle and Don Reed--attended the press conference on Dec. 8 for Joshua Zona, guest conductor of the last concert. Gay encouraged more of our members to attend these press conferences as we try to work more with the JSOA. The next press conference will be the second week in March.

Rob also has "penciled out" the preparations needed for our planned Golf Fundraiser in May at the Indian Lake Golf Club. We will need an initial meeting, committees, etc. and should start preparing three months in advance. The date was discussed and now set for May 13.

Beth Pile is having a meeting January 14 at Eat and Park in Somerset at 12:30 for the "Da Capo"-like event. A date was also set for our event at Green Gables, April 24.

Monies (\$1) were collected for our Sunshine Basket drawing. Les Custer and Mindy Forry provided the gift and it was drawn by Dennis McNair. ♦ FYI from Beth Pile: Maestro Jaray will be conducting the JSO Youth Symphony on Jan. 23, 2pm at Pasquerilla Center. ♦ Our next meeting will be at Kings & Queens on February 3, then Laurel Mountain Inn on March 3 and Oakwood on April 7. All meetings will be on the first Thursday of each month at 12:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Sincerely, Ruth Hofmaster, Recording Secretary.