

SOMERSET AUXILIARY
of the
JOHNSTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Somerset Auxiliary of the JSO met on Thursday, **June 2, 2016** at 12:30 pm at the attractive and busy **Somerset Country Club**. 24 people were present including Gay's guests John and Wanda Byrne, who joined at this meeting, and guest Rick Byrne, John Byrne's father. New member Rosemarie Cupko of Somerset was a JSOA member before moving to Florida, and has returned to join us.

President Gay Reed opened the meeting at 12:45 pm. Members and guests announced their names around the room and \$20 was collected from members yet to pay their dues. Mike Cascio provided the Sunshine gift for this meeting. It was a delicious assortment of items from Cascio's Market in Somerset, won by Leslie Custer. A new sunshine list was passed around for our next season. A motion to approve the Minutes from the last meeting as emailed was made and seconded. Treasurer Bob Hanson read his report and he added that several sponsors of our now canceled Golf fundraiser offered their donations to our October Taste of the Laurel Highlands.

We sold a lot of O'Sheas chocolate bars at the Mother's Day Concert in Somerset, which also was Maestro Jaray's farewell JSO performance. They were provided to us to sell by the JSOA as we had run out. Gay also sold candy at the annual Indian Lake Service Corp. meeting and there are still more to sell. ♦ Teresa Marafino asked that members please make a donation to the JSO annual fund drive now in progress. She asked that some members volunteer to make phone calls in the Somerset area to encourage past donors to give again. Beth sent a list around to sign up.

Teresa also shared that Green Gables will host our Taste of the Laurel Highlands and will donate a gift certificate. The event will take place on October 18. 250 tickets will be printed and 150 usually sell. 18 vendors were present last year with their tasty wares. ♦ The JSOA Wine Tasting event to be held on June 3 at the Bottle Works in Johnstown was mentioned. They will also be having yard games and crafts. It was organized by Joan Moss, and Beth Pile had tickets at our meeting.

Latest news: A new JSO conductor has been chosen but not announced yet! Of course, we will invite him to our Taste of the Laurel Highlands. The JSO Opera Fest held yearly in September will be replaced by a Gala party with JSO concert and band performances at the Pasquerilla Convention Center in Johnstown. The newly chosen JSO conductor will decide on the program. ♦ The July 4th JSO concert at the Point Stadium has been discontinued. ♦ Our July meeting will be held on July 7 at Kings and Queens Restaurant in Stoystown. The meeting was adjourned and luncheon enjoyed by all.

Sincerely, Ruth Hofmaster, Recording Secretary