

*Somerset Auxiliary*  
 **JOHNSTOWN**  
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Somerset Auxiliary of the JSO met on Thursday, **November 3, 2016** at 12:30 pm at **Coal Miners Cafe** in Jennerstown. 16 members sat at tables around the room and introduced themselves. Special members Pat Hofscher, Dennis McNair and Teresa Marafino were included. New auxiliary directories were passed out to members and the meeting opened at 12:45 pm.

President Gay extended a special thanks to Teresa Marafino and her staff at Green Gables for her tireless efforts toward making the Taste such a success! Gay said she intends to present Cindy (Teresa's assistant) with a thank-you gift – a \$100 gift card for Georgian Inn. Also, the Sunshine Gift brought by Louise Majesky was won by Teresa – a cute fall decoration.

A motion to approve the October minutes as emailed to members was made and seconded. Treasurer Bob Hanson reported – to much applause – that we have earned \$12,000 which will be donated to the JSO Board of which \$1,000 will be earmarked to go to the Youth Symphony. Pres. Gay thanked Bob for attending a JSO Board retreat. Gay and Teresa shared their continuing success in selling O'Shea's chocolate bars. Teresa will have tickets for the JSOA lottery fundraiser at our December 1 meeting and urged that \$500 of tickets be sold. A \$10 ticket provides 62 chances to win the March lottery event. Also, brochures for the JSOA poinsettia sale, were distributed.

Taste follow-up: Sue Menser agreed to contact the Daily American for a photo of the presentation of our check to the JSO Board. Ideas were shared about improving the Silent and Chinese auctions, and having more assistance with taking tickets at the entrance and at the end of the event.

VP & JSO Manager Beth Pile reminded us of the upcoming JSO concert on November 12. Decorations for the concert were discussed and ideas shared. Teresa will take hay bales and other decorations to the theater. Pat Hofscher added that credit for our decorating will be included in the symphony program.

Beth mentioned that there is still a need for SAJSO to work with the JSOA to raise more money for the symphony. Bob Hanson suggested that businesses, as well as individuals, might buy/sell poinsettias. Gay mentioned that a Tea at The Georgian Inn

in January could raise awareness of the SAJSO. An inside mini-golf tourney was suggested.

The next meeting will be on December 1 at the Somerset Country Club, where we will present the JSO Board with a check for \$12,000. Beckie Dickey will bring the Sunshine Basket. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.

Sincerely, Ruth Hofmaster, Recording Secretary