

SOMERSET AUXILIARY
of the
JOHNSTOWN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
MINUTES of the
SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 MEETING

The Somerset Auxiliary of the JSO met on Thursday, **September 1, 2016** at 12:30 pm at **The Georgian Inn** of Somerset. 19 members and guests sat at adjoining tables in the elegant dining room and introduced themselves. A Sunshine gift was presented by Sue Menser and won by Becki Dickey--a poem, wine, romance novel and basket of purple asters! Proceeds were \$19. Next month Eleanor Schrock will provide the Sunshine Basket. Food orders were taken and the meeting opened. A motion to approve the August minutes as emailed to members was made and seconded. An updated list of restaurants, donors and baskets for our Taste fundraiser accompanied that email. Treasurer Bob Hanson reported an impressive \$3,876.29 in the Somerset Trust checking account.

The remainder of the meeting addressed our Taste of the Laurel Highlands: Taking reservations for 6 or more people at a table (not 10 or more) was discussed. At the last meeting it was decided that reservations would be accommodated upon request. These reserved tickets must be paid for in advance. Teresa Marafino, Green Gables manager, needs to be advised how many are made. Eleanor Schrock and Sam Hanson will be in charge of reservations. Complimentary tickets must be marked Complimentary on the top of the ticket, not to be confused with unpaid regular tickets.

We are still in need of more restaurants, donors and gift prizes – please inform Gay when you are able to obtain any of these.

Mindy Forry and Sue Menser have agreed to be Chairmen of the Basket Committee for the Chinese Auction. Please contact them if you can help. Also, you may contact Mindy and tell her what you are willing to spend and she will make a basket! A list of ideas for baskets was passed around. A mystery box was listed as the last item. Gay requested that a card describing the contents accompany each basket and estimated worth. Also, putting wine in baskets for auction is admissible and selling wine will be allowed as of Sept. 18.

Bob Hanson will continue to update our website with restaurants, donors and tickets sold. Businesses who contribute will get an ad on our website and be in the program.

Jeanne Wagle has won an Allied Artists award! Her work will be showing at the Pasquerilla Center and Highland Community Library, Johnstown. She will be donating a Batik watercolor for our silent auction.

VP & JSO's Orchestra Manager Beth Pile described the upcoming JSO Symphony Spectacular-- with circus performers! Coming up on Sept 17. What a special opening for the new JSO season! Teresa Marafino asked if anyone would be interested in serving on the JSO Board of Directors and Treasurer Bob Hanson's name was suggested.

Teresa also brought more candy. Some was bought at the meeting and Teresa has more at her business. The bars are still \$1.50 each. We will be selling them at the Taste as well.

Our next meeting will be on Oct. 1 at D'Andre's Restaurant (formerly Maggie Mae's) in Somerset, at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2 p.m.

Sincerely, Ruth Hofmaster, Recording Secretary