

West Valley Youth Orchestra Annual Report – August 11, 2017
Mary Wilkening, President

The WVYO had a successful year during the 2016 – 2017 season. The eight members of the Board of Directors follow: Joan Dayton, secretary; Susan Keedy; Holly Murphy, financial consultant; Carole Nanomura; Dale Smyser; Mercedes Snider; Bill Trejbal, treasurer; Mary Wilkening, president; Debra Tofil joined us as ex-officio parent liaison. Independent Contractors on our staff included Claire Gordon, Conductor of WVYO; Trista Kruckenberg, Conductor of Cadet Strings; and Kristi Wipprecht, Orchestra Manager.

Our budgets in 2016-2017 ran a profit. Please refer to the Treasurer's Report for details.

The orchestra had the following activities and performances besides the Monday evening rehearsals at Wigwam Creek Middle School:

September 24, 2016 – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm - Fall Workshop, Desert Springs Church.

November 16, 2016 – 6:30 pm - Performance at American Lutheran Church. (Youth Only)

December 2, 2016 – 7 pm – Performance at Sun City West Christian Church (Youth Only)

December 2, 2016 – 8:00 pm – Program at West Valley Nativity Festival. (Cadets Only)

December 3, 2016 – 8:00 pm – Program at West Valley Nativity Festival. (Youth Only)

December 19, 2016 – 7:00 pm – Concert at Sun Village.

March 2, 2017 – 7:00 pm - Concert at EMCC Performing Arts Center. (Attendance 190)

April 23, 2017 – 3:00 pm – Concert at American Lutheran Church (Youth Orchestra Only). (Attendance 210)

May 15, 2017 – 7:00 pm - Spring Concert at Westview High School.

June 9, 2017 – 4:00 pm - Chamber Music Camp Concert at Trinity Lutheran Church.

For the final concert at Westview High School, 300 tickets were sold. The students sold tickets at \$5 each to teachers and friends, and board members sold tickets as well. No reception was held after the concert, but a potluck gathering to give awards was held the following week on May 22 at Desert Springs Community Church.

At the Spring Concert, 48 students played in the Youth Orchestra and 26 played in Cadets. There were 6 adult volunteers.

The Board and Staff conducted business in a timely basis with the State of Arizona, insurance, facilities, and grant applications. During the fiscal year, we did receive grants from ACA (\$3000) and from the City of Goodyear (\$1000). Bruce Birnel arranged for a \$500 donation from PebbleCreek Musicians. We received \$2390 from ticket sales and \$2784 from donations and \$0 from board members. We are members of Arizona Citizens Action for the Arts. Mary Wilkening and Susan Keedy attended the Arizona Arts Congress in March at the AZ State Capitol.

We continue to have student woodwind, brass and percussion players, and guest performers from the community for the rehearsals and concerts. The Youth Orchestra continues to grow in numbers, quality and technical ability.

We began the school year with a workshop for WVYO at Desert Springs on September 24, 2016. Clark Chaffee gave a tutorial on rhythm and the workshop included

the regular sectionals as well as the full orchestra and the cadets “get to know you” segment.

The WVYO again sponsored a Chamber Music Summer Music Camp with Quartet Sabaku, this year at Trinity Lutheran Church from June 5 – 9, 2017. Claire Gordon directed the camp and led the string orchestra. Trista Kruckenberg led the beginning orchestra. We did receive a \$3000 for the camp from AZ commission on the Arts. We did not receive a donation from the Sunday Classics Club this year. The final concert was in the evening of June 9 at Trinity Church.

WVYO celebrated our 20th anniversary at the Spring Concert on May 9. Trista put together a power point program of pictures and information about the organization from its founding in 1997 to the present. She invited past board members and conductors who were honored at the concert.

Mary Wilkening will continue as president, Joan Dayton will continue as secretary, Bill Trejbal will continue as treasurer this coming year, and Sheila Peabody will join us on the board. We regretfully accepted the resignation of Dale Smyser as a board member but are happy that he will continue playing and coaching the WVYO students. Debra Tofil will no longer be able to continue as parent liaison. We appreciate all the hard work of Kristi Wipprecht, who has resigned as Orchestra Manager at the end of the season. We welcome Kimberly MacFarlane as our new Orchestra Manager.

Thank you to the members of the Board of Directors for your time and effort in making the West Valley Youth Orchestra Programs successful. Thank you to Claire and Trista for your dedication and skill in working with students and organizing the concerts. Thank you to Joan Dayton for so ably filling the position of secretary. I look forward to another successful year as President of the West Valley Youth Orchestra Programs.

Mary Wilkening, August 11, 2017