

West Valley Youth Orchestra Annual Report – August 16, 2019  
Mary Wilkening, President

The WVYO had a successful year during the 2018 – 2019 season. The seven members of the Board of Directors follow: Joan Dayton, secretary; Holly Murphy, financial consultant; Carole Nanomura; Sheila Peabody; Mercedes Snider; Bill Trejbal, treasurer; Mary Wilkening, president; Melissa Turnbow 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 Kimberly MacFarlane, Orchestra Manager. We added Sharon Nauman, Bravo Strings Conductor in February to lead our adult string group.

Our budgets in 2018-2019 ran a surplus. 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:

The Forum at Desert Harbor – November 10, 2018

Nativity Festival in Goodyear – November 30, 2018

Sun Village – December 17, 2018

Desert Springs Church February 22, 2019

American Lutheran Church – March 31, 2019

Estrella Mountain Community College – Spring Concert – May 20, 2019

Our spring concert was at Estrella Mountain Community College. The audience was at capacity with about 250 in attendance. We sold tickets at \$5 each.

At the Spring Concert, 50 students played in the Youth Orchestra and 24 played in Cadets. There were 12 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 (\$1500). We received \$3909 from ticket sales and \$4450 from donations and \$0 from board members. We are members of Arizona Citizens Action for the Arts. Mary Wilkening and Sheila Peabody attended the Arizona Arts Congress on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 had more students this year, and the numbers in Cadets were comparable. Quality continues to improve in both groups.

We began the school year with a workshop for WVYO at Desert Springs on September 22, 2018. Devon Bridgewater played jazz and instructed the students in improvisation. The workshop also included regular sectionals as well as a full orchestra rehearsal and a “get to know you” segment. Melissa Turnbow and Kimberly MacFarlane arranged for lunch.

The WVYO again sponsored a Chamber Music Summer Music Camp with Quartet Sabaku, this year at Trinity Lutheran Church from June 3 – 7, 2019. Claire Gordon directed the camp and led the string orchestra. Trista Kruckenberg led the

beginning orchestra. We did receive a \$3000 grant for the camp from AZ commission on the Arts. The ending concert was in the evening of June 7 at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Mary Wilkening will continue as president, Joan Dayton will continue as secretary, Bill Trejbal will continue as treasurer this coming year. We regretfully accept the resignation of Kimberly MacFarlane as Orchestra Manager. Debbie Leavitt will take over that position.

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 and to Bill Trejbal for keeping us solvent and in the black. Thank you to Kimberly MacFarlane for being our Orchestra Manager and Melissa Turnbow for stepping into the job of Parent Liaison. I look forward to another successful year as President of the West Valley Youth Orchestra Programs.

Mary Wilkening, August 16, 2019