



# Reagan Orchestra Booster Club Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

**December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Nathan Shapiro, President, called the Virtual meeting to order at 6:00 pm Via ZOOM

## **Roll Call:**

**Board Members Present:** Nathan Shapiro (President), Kristen Roach (Vice President), John Horton (Treasurer), Angela Halsell (Bookkeeper), Daniella Decanini (Secretary), Denise Trevino (Meal Chair), Thalia Sanchez-Kiolbassa (Banquet Chair), Dana Comstock (Scholarship Chair), Sixto Elizondo and Nathan Sharplin (Reagan HS Orchestra Directors).

**Board Members/Chairs Absent:** Tara Ford (Publicity), Gaby de la Fuentes (Uniform Chair)

**Guest Present:** Subhashini Valavalkar,

## **Meeting Topics/Action Items:**

- **Financial Update (as of 12/16):**

John provided the following financial update to the group:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Current Bank Balance \$25,194
- Recent Expenditures:
  - Region & State fees \$770 paid to date. Payments uncleared – any action needed?
- Payments received:
  - Silly Socks \$214
  - Sponsorships \$200 7 \$125 for Polos (see totals to date below)
- Year to date summary: (June 1 thru current)
  - Total In \$15,412
  - Total Spent -\$ 7,848
  - Net Inflow \$7,564
- Recap of Budgeted / Actual Purchases: (\$6,900 / \$3,501)
  - Software for Virtual Instruction \$400 /
  - Spirit Shirts \$1,500 / \$1,880
  - New Logo \$500 / \$250
  - Resources for virtual events, instruction, clinicians \$3,000 / \$250  
\$1,100 has been quoted as a possible  
Expenditure for virtual event assistance.  
Additional quotes are being compared.
  - Other Equipment or Technology upgrades \$1,500 / \$1,121
- Money received:
  - Forms collection to date / compared to last year total;
  - Opt Outs Paid \$7070 / \$7,280
  - Washtub Sales \$700 / \$928
  - Sponsorships \$3,855 / \$4,999
  - Polo Shirts \$1,550 / 2,190
  - Region & All State Fees \$910

- **Fund Raising:**
  - Kristen had the following report:
  - Next Spirit Night confirmed for Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup> at Smokey Mos' 5-9 pm.
  - 100% of proceeds from Smokey Mos' event will be donation to ROBC
  - Board discussed how we can promote better the Spirit Nights to have more attendance. Suggesting more emails blasts, email to Chasity to add to Rattler newsletter, Facebook post can be share with March and he can help add the post to the Reagan Facebook page.
  - Kristen asked the board to share any recommendations of other merchants that may want to offer a spirit night.
  - Los Gueros was an option to consider.
  
- **Orchestra Scholarship Program:**
  - Dana confirmed 2 parents attended the kick off meeting and are excited to participate as part of the scholarship committee.
  - Board agreed that we will keep the process completely virtual/digital for this school year, leveraging on Google Drive
  - Mr Sharplin will create a Google form for the kids to submit their applications and videos.
  - First announcement/reminder to student will be sent out in January 2021
  - In Mid-March a Formal announcement of the scholarship will be send from the Booster club to all Seniors.
  - There will be 3 scholarships granted by ROBC, one for the Total amount of \$1,000 and 2 more of \$500 each.
  
- **School year update:** Mr. Elizondo updated the board with the existing plan with the following key points:
  - Mrs Sorgi Lopes Middle School Orchestra Director has asked Mr. Elizondo to represent Reagan in a special concert for 6th graders at Lopez.
  - Mr. Elizondo shared his experience @ the Orchestra Virtual concert.
    - technical difficulties - in future will rehearse prior with the technology used.
    - virtual production difficult to do due to lack of resources from tech department - all departments asking for their services
    - There may be one more concert in the spring done as a combination with the choir to leverage resources.
  - UIL contest - Will be sending out invites to compete, Solo and ensemble
    - Judges to come to Reagan directly instead of the kids traveling.
    - Contest will be in late February.
    - There will be a need to collect \$8 from all students wanting to participate in the State Auditions.
    - Mr. Elizondo to send Nate a summary of the ask.
    - Nate to create a paypal link for this collection of payment.
    - Orchestra is requesting the Booster club to support with \$400 of funding.
    - This was agreed upon in the meeting.
  - There will be a spring musical (Bright Star), strings only.
    - There will be an audition due to the lack of seats they will have for the orchestra.
    - Only Chamber orchestra can audition due to limited space.
  
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - Spirit Nights;
    - Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup> at Smokey Mos' 5-9 pm

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

**Next Executive Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, January 27th at 6PM.

**Follow up items:**

- **Fundraising events.**
- **UIL funds needed.**
- **Scholarship process.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Daniella Decanini**  
**ROBC Secretary**