



Reagan Orchestra Booster Club General Meeting Minutes

Approved

October 20, 2016

Tricia Barton, ROBC President, welcomed the parents at 6:45 a.m. in the Reagan Auditorium for our second ROBC General Meeting of the year and the Fall Concert. Mr. Elizondo, Mr. Sharplin and the students have been working hard since August to prepare some great music for our enjoyment!

President's Address (Tricia Barton):

- Many thanks to the family sponsors who generously support the Reagan Orchestra with their donations. Two of our families' names did not appear in the concert program as Orchestra supporters: The Zhang Family and the Obhrai Family. Apologies for the oversight. These families will be recognized in the programs for the remaining concerts for this school year.
- Tricia asked for a volunteer to head up a Concert Reception Chair position. This person would decorate the tables with seasonal decor and serve cookies at the post-concert receptions. If you are interested in using your talents in this way, please contact Tricia.
- ROBC members are attempting to get the financials and the meeting minutes on the website so you can read about the "behind-the-scenes" work that occurs for the orchestra's benefit and how your donations are being spent. We strive to use the funds wisely to help the orchestra be the best it can be! Thank you for your patience as we work out the details.
- A BIG Thank you to the volunteers who have been so vitally important to the success of the Lifetime Fitness Lock-in (the kids had SO much fun!), the Uniform Distribution, the chaperones for Fiesta Texas, and chaperones for the concerts. We would love everyone to have a part in helping our terrific orchestra program excel. As the year continues and the program expands, there will be more opportunities to help. If you would like to volunteer, look for e-mails from the ROBC with links to CHARMS where you can sign up for jobs. Mr. Sharplin set up this system for us this year and it works like a "Charm"! Thank you Mr. Sharplin!
- LOOK OUT Disney World, here comes the Reagan Orchestra-Spring Break 2017! If your student is planning to attend the Disney trip, the ROBC will have individual student fundraisers coming soon, Christmas greenery & candles, to help defray the costs.

Treasurer's Address (Mark Rowe):

- The ROBC is excited to announce that we have received 75% of the opt-out fees to date! A big THANK YOU to all who have faithfully paid your \$50 fee or purchased the Wash Tub booklets. We encourage those who haven't had a chance to do so, to send in your Opt-Out fees to the ROBC box. Please make checks payable to ROBC. Mr. Elizondo and Mr. Sharplin have a wish list of items they would like to purchase to help the orchestra be at its best, and our opt-out fees and other donations help with those purchases.
- The Legacy donations from the 1st meeting, in partnership with the Reagan Choir, were applied specifically to the acoustical shells, which debut tonight at the Fall Concert. We are grateful for your generosity in providing the funds to make this possible.
- Please consider making a charitable donation prior to year-end to the Reagan Orchestra Booster Club, which is a 501(c) 3 organization. All donations are tax-deductible - your tax accountant will like that!
- The Lifetime Lock-in and the Summer Camp broke even so that no donated funds were used to pay for these activities.

- Thank you for your continued support of Spirit Nights! Spirit Nights are an easy way to raise much-needed funds for the orchestra. And it is a chance to see your Orchestra friends again!

Director's Address:

- Mr. Elizondo proudly showed off the new acoustical shells. They are stunning backdrops for our orchestras and choirs, safer for the stage crew to set up, and provide a better, more enhanced projection of sound than the previous shells.
- Mr. Elizondo explained that there would be approximately 1,550 elementary school 4th & 5th graders attending the Young People's Concert performed by the Chamber Orchestra on the morning of October 21st. These students and their teachers come from the elementary schools in the Reagan cluster. Not only does the concert meet their TEKS requirement for attending a live performance but it is a real treat for them as well! At the concert, Mr. Elizondo introduced the players for each instrument and each section played a musical excerpt to demonstrate the sound each instrument makes. The smiles on these kids' faces and the excellent music made for a fun morning!
- Mr. Elizondo thanked the Meal Co-Chairs, Tricia Tshirhart and Beatrice Lakrout, for successfully feeding the orchestra students prior to the concert and the Concert Chaperone volunteers: Namretta Patel, Melissa Maas, Theresa Chumat, Vivian Macris, Juls Williams and Karen Stiles. These parents stayed with our students prior to and during the concert to help Mr. Elizondo and Mr. Sharplin so they could focus on preparing for the concert (Chaperons never miss the concert by helping out!). Mr. Elizondo also thanked the Young People's Concert chaperons: Theresa Chumat, Sandra Puente, Jennifer Manley, and Dana Updegrove. These parents, along with our 2nd and 7th period orchestra students, directed the 4th and 5th graders into the auditorium, and escorted them back to the buses. If you are interested in helping as a chaperon for any orchestra event, please look for the sign up when an e-mail request is sent.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next General Meeting: Prior to next Concert on December 6, 2016 at 6:45.

Happy Fall!

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana Updegrove/R.O.B.C. Secretary