



Reagan Orchestra Booster Club General Meeting Minutes Approved

February 27, 2017

Mark Rowe, ROBC Treasurer, called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. in the Reagan Auditorium.

Treasurer's Address (Mark Rowe):

- Congratulations to Mr. Elizondo for conducting the successful West Side Story Musical! Reagan is fortunate to have such talented students and great instructors!
- The ROBC wishes to extend a special thank you to several generous benefactors:
 - Sponsorships were recently received from Jon and Tara Ford as well as from Don and Francine Rowe!
 - The Topletz Family made a Legacy contribution toward the purchase of another acoustical shell!
 - The Giles Family gave a donation expressly for the purchase of bass stools!
- Thank you to those who participated in the fundraising efforts. The fundraisers at Jersey Mike's, as well as at Barnes and Noble, were especially successful! You have helped secure much-needed funds by your support.
- Monies that come into the Booster club are spent on wants and needs such as:
 - Renting Cellos & Basses for the Disney Trip.
 - Clinicians.
 - TMEA (Texas Music Educators Association) expenses.
 - Sheet music.
 - Snacks for after-school rehearsals.
 - Printing of the concert programs.
 - Printing of Welcome Packets.
 - Office Supplies.
 - Sound Equipment
- The Spring Banquet plans are well underway and we hope that many parents and students will come join in the fun. It is a break-even endeavor, meaning that all monies collected for ticket sales are spent on the banquet.
- Your ROBC board is already thinking about next year's Welcome Packets which we anticipate will be in students' hands by the May concert!
- Feel free to contact Mark should you have any questions at ROBCTreasurer@gmail.com.

Vice President-Fundraising Address: (Jim Schuppenhauer)

- Through candle sales, students will have an opportunity to raise funds for their individual account to offset the cost of their banquet ticket or they can accumulate their earnings until the following year. Their accounts must be zeroed out by the end of their senior year.
- The Silent Auction is quickly approaching and we could use your help with the following:
 - We need names/contact information for businesses or individuals who are willing to donate.
 - We need items such as jewelry, kitchen tools, cruises, vacations, hunting and fishing trips, etc.
 - We need a Silent Auction Committee who can contact businesses or individuals for donations, collect the donations, and set up tables on May 15th.

- Your help would be much appreciated!

President's Address (Tricia Barton):

- Many thanks to our chaperons for tonight's concert which are Jerry Maas, Theresa Chumat, Violette Kelley, Vivian Macris, Marci Garza and Andy Jozwiak. With their help, the directors were able to get this concert going!
- Thanks go out to Tricia Tschirhart and Beatrice Lakrout for organizing the meal for our children tonight. Parents all know that well-fed children are happy children!
- We enthusiastically welcome friends from Independence Hill here to enjoy tonight's concert and thank our publicity chair, Tara Ford, for extending the invitation.
- Please enjoy sweet treats at the post-concert reception, which were donated by the J Mark Group, the real estate firm with which Mrs. Elizondo is associated. Many thanks to Mrs. Elizondo!
- Spring semester is a busy time and one where we will need many volunteers. We need people to help with:
 - Silent Auction Committee
 - Chaperons for UIL
 - Chaperons for the May 15th Concert
 - Banquet Committee
 - Servers for the Silent Auction dinner on May 19th.
- The Silent Auction is scheduled for May 15th prior to the spring concert. We hope to receive many donated items from local businesses and we hope that you, in turn, will visit these businesses that have been so friendly towards our orchestra. This makes a better community for us all. Please be ready to BUY! The ROBC gets to keep 100% of everything we raise.
- We will offer a dinner prior to the silent auction and we hope you will not only join us but invite friends to join us as well.
- Students from each of the 6 string orchestras will be asked to voluntarily donate \$1-\$5 each to create a class basket for the silent auction. The class with the highest profit wins a prize!

Director's Address (Sixto Elizondo):

- Welcome to the Pre-UIL Concert where the students will perform the music that they have prepared for the UIL contests next week. The directors and students enjoy performing before a live and appreciative audience and the parents have a chance to hear the wonderful music. The Reagan Orchestra boasts 220 students this year and each student participates in the contest. This number includes 6 string orchestras and 2 full orchestras. Mr. Elizondo had been out of town for 3 days judging UIL contests and also conducting rehearsals and performances of the West Side Story. In addition, the students enjoyed a holiday in the observance of President's Day the week prior to tonight's concert. In spite of all the interruptions to their preparation time, the orchestras sounded amazing!
- A Disney trip meeting will be held Wednesday, March 8th at 6:00p.m, to discuss the itinerary, give out contact information, assign roommates, and answer any questions.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Next General Meeting: Prior to the Spring Concert on May 15th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Updegrove/R.O.B.C. Secretary