



Reagan Orchestra Booster Club
General Meeting Minutes
Approved
May 15, 2017

Mr. Elizondo welcomed everyone to the final ROBC General Meeting of the year and the final concert of the year. Mr. Elizondo announced that the Silent Auction had closed and thanked those who participated. During the concert, Mr. Elizondo introduced Tricia Barton, ROBC President, who has done an outstanding job of leading the ROBC this year!

President's Address (Tricia Barton):

- It is time to elect a new secretary for the Board of Directors. The nominating committee, which consisted of Mr. Elizondo, Jon Ford, and Jim Schuppenhauer, suggested Allison Balfour as incoming Secretary for 2017-2018. A motion was made and seconded to accept their nomination. By majority vote, the ROBC welcomes Mrs. Balfour to the Executive Board!
- The slate of officers for 2017-2018:
 - o President – Tricia Barton
 - o Vice President- Jim Schuppenhauer
 - o Treasurer – Mark Rowe
 - o Director of Publicity – Tara Ford
 - o Secretary – Allison Balfour

Treasurer's Address (Mark Rowe):

The 2017-2018 Proposed budget was posted on the website for review at Reaganorchestra.weebly.com. The budget shows how the ROBC Executive board spends the money with which it has been entrusted. Mark opened the floor for discussion. As there were no questions, a motion was passed to accept the budget with no corrections.

Director's Address:

We celebrate the many accomplishments of this year's RRHS Orchestra Program:

- The directors took seven orchestras to UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Contest in early March and they all made us proud:
- The Symphony, Chamber, Sinfonia, and Bravura Orchestras earned the Sweepstakes award, the highest achievement possible at a UIL competition!
- The Philharmonic and combined Philharmonia/Camerata Orchestras scored a "Superior" rating in Concert competition!
- The Sinfonietta orchestra earned an "Excellent" rating in Concert competition!
- Forty-two students won seats in the two TMEA All-Region Orchestras!
- For the first time in ten years, two orchestra students placed in the All-State Orchestra, Jared Lange (bass) and Jenny Zhang (Violin)! Placement in Texas All-State is indicative of being ranked among ½% of all music students in Texas and the top 2% nationwide. This is quite a feat!

- Reagan Orchestra students performed 84 events at UIL Solo and Ensemble in February! Forty-eight of those were 1st division solo and ensemble events.
- Reagan Orchestra is advancing 25 events to the Texas State Solo-Ensemble contest in Austin during the last weekend in May! We wish them luck!
- The Chamber Orchestra and Mr. Elizondo received the American Prize Honorable Mention in the High School Division, which is an annual national competition. We are so proud of their achievement!
- Reagan's orchestra grew by 40 members this year making Reagan the largest orchestra program in all of N.E.I.S.D.!
- Mr. Elizondo "orchestrated" a fantastic Spring Break trip to Orlando where the students worked with professional Disney Performing Arts music directors, learned classic Disney tunes and recorded their own sound track!
- The entire fine arts program at Reagan has every reason to be proud:
 - An amazing number of Reagan fine arts students from choir, band and orchestra made All-State. Collectively, Reagan students earned 20 of the 42 All-State seats!
 - The pit orchestra performed some of the most challenging music for the theatre production of West Side Story and one would be hard pressed to tell the difference between our students and professional musicians!
- Mr. Elizondo thanked parent, Thomas Swoyer, for saving the Silent Auction dinner by providing hamburgers, salads, chicken sandwiches and all the trimmings at the last minute!
- Mr. Elizondo welcomed our forty-one visitors from Independence Hill to the Spring Concert. We are so glad they could join us!
- Mr. Elizondo asked that all Orchestra alumni please stand and be acknowledged. We were happy to see that there were quite a lot of former students in attendance!
- Each orchestra student of the graduating class of 2017 was presented with a single rose and thanked for their years of service. Forty-nine string and band students are graduating this year! Mr. Elizondo said that the large number of seniors who chose to continue with music education throughout all four years speaks to the health of the organization and that this amazing group of people has brought the orchestra into its current state with all their efforts. Congratulations and best wishes to our graduating students!

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned and we all thoroughly enjoyed the remainder of the concert.

- The concert ended with a grand finale when all members of the orchestra played the last two pieces - 221 total strings and full orchestra compliment, and the big, rich sound was marvelous!

Next General Meeting: Mandatory Parent Meeting, August 19, 2017 at 9:00 am

Respectfully Submitted,

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