



COUNCIL ROCK SOUTH ORCHESTRA

CROPS General Membership Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2019 at 7:30pm

Executive Committee Meeting commenced: 7:04pm C Simon, T Stratton, C McDonald, G Culleton, L Nocera, J VanBillard, R Rowlands, L Woolcott, D Gray, S Dasaka
Upcoming events reviewed and needs for membership night; Balance sheet distributed for review
General Membership Meeting: Commenced 7:30

Chris Simon, Director

- Welcome back to school
 - Welcome back to all of the returning orchestra members and parents, and a warm welcome to all incoming ninth graders and parents. We are looking forward to a great year!
- **The Info packet was distributed the first day of Orchestra classes. They are due this Friday, Sept. 13. Also, please fill out the membership form on-line.** *If you submit all of these forms, your visit at the mandatory membership night will be expedited!*
 - Be sure to return commitment form, medical form and Haunted Hayride Form (optional) and Rockestra form (optional: if your child is interested- he/she will need to audition: see Rockestra form for music required for audition)
 - (Attendance at Haunted Hayride is not mandatory, but the kids have an awesome time and it's a great way for ninth graders to join in!)
 - Please fill out the on-line membership form via the remind link that Mr. Simon pushed out
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe5CLs5ts_JMpavoDBq4QpVEuBYV O8pzOV_9_3aPHfDtrSqAg/viewform
 - Link to other required forms: <https://www.crsd.org/Page/54504>

• CROPS dates for this year:

August 14	February 5
September 11	March 4
October 2	April 1
November 6	May 6
December 4	June 10
January 8	

- **Mandatory Membership Meeting/ Uniform Fitting Night on Sept. 23 from 7 to 9. Every student and one parent needs to attend to go over online membership, volunteering, and form checks.** In addition, **all ladies new to orchestra and all men must attend in order to be fitted for uniform parts.** Ladies who were in orchestra last year will pick up the skirts that they returned and labeled in June. Collared shirts are required for informal concert events and off site events. Spirit wear sample sizes will be available at fitting night. *Boy's tuxes are dual purpose choir and orchestra.*
 - Executive Committee help needed notes: Parent volunteers are needed.
 - Theresa will send out a checklist to all membership emails as a reminder of all of the forms, papers that are required, so that parents can verify that they have filled out the forms ahead of time.... with a reminder that if they have everything done,

it will be an expedited process. The checklist should state ALL of these are required IN ADDITION to the online membership form.

- Jason will collate the night prior and make multiple print outs of the list of forms that have been rec'd already so that volunteers can guide parents as to which forms they will still need to fill out/which stations they will need to stop at.
 - Have 2 people greeting that will let each parent know what stations they still need to go to.
 - Need Jason and at least 2 helpers as the final station/check out.
- Website has been updated to include this year's packet
 - <https://www.crsd.org/Page/54504>
- Back-To-School is tomorrow, Sept. 12
- Ice Cream Social was today! Those that could stay played some fun games!
- Orchestra Camp – September 17
 - Snacks AND pizza party help needed
 - Theresa will send out a sign up genius by email- **please check it out and volunteer to bring something in!**
 - 2:30 to 5 Master Sectionals, 5:00 pizza, 5:30 to 7:00 Games, 7:00 to 8:00 Combined Orch
 - Lion King Theme...winning team gets Rita's water ice party
- 5 Master Sectionals will be scheduled plus Orchestra Camp.
- Fund-Raisers: Bag Bingo, Orchestra Festival, Clothing Drive, and Car Wash/Chick Fil-A (Fall Festival) are our main fundraisers.
 - **Bag Bingo will be Nov. 8.... mark your calendars and tell your friends!**
- Winter / Spring Concerts - orchestra will be in charge of Winter Concert Refreshments, CD sales
 - Sign up genius will be sent out for volunteers and for food donations, please plan to help out!
- White House – we applied again to perform in December
 - Info Packet spells out selection process
 - Strings will mainly be selected based on September Auditions
 - IF we are selected again, we will need to keep the number down to 40 students
- Overview of Info Packet
 - Car Wash and Fall Festival on October 12 - **Need Chairperson(s)**
 - Haunted Hayride on October 20 with rain date of October 27 (6:00 start) is at VALLEY OF FEAR
 - **In addition to the original dates in the packet- please ADD to your calendars- Philly Orchestra Open Rehearsal –Thursday, Nov. 21.** Information will be distributed soon. Cost will be ~ \$10.00 for buses.
- Orchestra Performances this year:
 - Barnes and Noble-Dec. 6 *Symphony Orchestra only, due to space constraints*
 - Winter Concert-Dec. 18
 - HMS performance – January (Date will be confirmed)
 - Pennsbury Festival – April 30
 - Orchestra Festival – Friday, May 8
 - Great Adventure – May 16
 - Spring Concert – May 20
 - Banquet – June 3 end of year event to honor all orch members and seniors, all members and parents are invited to attend
 - Senior Awards Night
 - Possible Ocean City or Flash mob performance?

- Possible Phillies Game performance in May/June (date will be confirmed in spring)
- CROPS Membership form –
 - Sign up Genius: *Volunteers and Food/snack donations are needed often.... please plan to join us and to help out. Many hands make light work.*
 - Fall Festival October 12 Car wash Sign up & fundraiser
 - Uniform Fitting/Membership night sign up for September 23
 - Hayride
 - Pizza Nights - 4 nights + Camp
 - Snacks for Sectionals
 - Truck Unload/Load (Barnes and Noble, Pennsbury, Great Adventure)
 - CR Orchestra Festival
 - Bag Bingo
 - Database – Email addresses will be added as we receive them. **If you are not getting emails from Crops, please send your email address to Cropsmail@gmail.com**
 - Pizza Nights –Nov. 25, December 16, April 27, May 18, and Orchestra Camp (Sept. 17)
- This year’s music - Star Wars piece “Across the Stars” is gorgeous and the orchestra will play this at the winter concert.... right near the release of the Stars Wars movie this winter. Fifth movement from Symphony Magnifique...it is a challenging piece and “really epic”

Theresa Stratton - President

- Welcome to a new year!
- *We are always hoping to welcome new team members and helpers...please reach out to any board member if you are interested in assisting or in shadowing a member so that you can “learn the ropes” for next year. We would love to have you join us!*
- Cropsmail-Please continue to use Cropsmail@gmail.com to email about most business. It keeps us in the loop and it makes sure we can get information to the correct people.
 - President----- Theresa Stratton
 - Vice President----- Gail Culleton
 - Treasurer----- Jason VanBillard
 - Secretary----- Jacki Kopack
 - Membership/Database----- Setoo Dasaka
 - Uniform Co-chairs----- Celestine McDonald and Setoo Dasaka
 - Master Sectional/SUG----- Theresa Stratton
 - Sunshine----- Rosann Logan
 - Winter Concert Co-Chair----- Jeanne Weisblatt, Lisa Nocera
 - Banquet Co-chairs----- Celestine McDonald, Denise Gray, Setoo Dasaka
 - Orchestra Festival----- Gail Culleton and Robyn Rowlands
 - Fall Festival/Hayride----- Theresa Stratton
 - Photography Co----- Barbara Tiger
 - Publicity----- Lisa Woolcott

Respectfully submitted,
Jacki Kopack