



COUNCIL ROCK SOUTH ORCHESTRA



CROPS General Membership Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2019 Executive Committee meeting commenced at 7:06 pm, general meeting commenced at 7:35 pm

Executive Committee in attendance: T Stratton, C McDonald, S Dasaka, T Thorwart, B Tiger, J Kopack, R Logan, G Culleton, R Rowlands, D Gray

Chris Simon, Director

- Next Orchestra Festival meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 30 will be **changed to Monday, April 29**
- Orchestra Rehearsal scheduled for April 30 is **rescheduled for April 29 at 7pm**
- **Spain Mandatory Meeting** Thanks for getting all of the goodies out to everyone!
- **Small Spain Orchestra @ School Board March 21** Kids performed really well; Mr. Fraser was extremely complimentary!
- **Orchestra Pyramid Concert** So much fun! The kids showed so much spirit – they were on fire!
- **Farewell Concert** – what a night. Mr. Simon is so proud of the student's ability to pull off a very mature program with long pieces. Huge thank you to Setoo, Denise and Celestine for the tapas bar and Spain refreshments....the guests were so impressed!
 - \$640 sold in CDs.
- **Pennsbury Orchestra Festival** – email was sent out today with the permission forms- **forms must be returned by students by April 9!**
 - Will need assistance from people with clearances as bus chaperones- departure ~ 5:00pm- notify Theresa if you can assist
- Other Spring Activities – 9 concerts remain
 - **Spain Trip! – April 10-18 (Performances in Sevilla, Granada, and Toledo)- It's getting closer 😊**
 - Pennsbury Orchestra Festival – Wednesday, May 1
 - Orchestra Festival – Friday, May 10
 - Spring Concert – Wednesday, May 22
 - Orchestra Banquet – May 29 at Spring Mill at 6pm
 - Senior Recognition performance – TBD (probably week of June 10)

Up and Coming:

- Pizza Nights –Last one! May 20
 - Sign up genius will be sent out for assistance
- Theresa gave an effusive **thank you** for ALL of the help that EACH person gave to make every event work during the month of March.
- Banquet- blankets ordered for seniors. Possible gifts: sunglasses, lanyards. Invitations will need to go out as soon as return from Spain. Setoo will send draft to Theresa.
 - Sign up genius will be sent out for assistance
- **Alert Theresa IF you are staying on as an Exec Com member ASAP... Other orchestra parents- if you are interested in assisting, please notify Theresa...help is always welcomed**

- **CROPS dates for this year:**

August 13	February 6
September 5	March 6
October 3	April 3
November 8	May 8
December 5	June 5
January 2	

Spain Updates!

- Food allergies and Paella choices are set. Restaurant can deliver!
 - Question arose if airline is aware of students with peanut allergies. Mr. Simon said KI has alerted all venues. **He still encourages EACH student to self-advocate at every meal. Reminder that EACH student with known allergies should keep Epi-Pen with them and self advocate to check and ensure that meal does not include allergen.**
- Barb Tiger set-up a Spain Facebook page in order to keep parents at home informed with a few pictures. A lot of parents have joined, but not a lot of students. **Spread the word- you must use password and state the student you know in order to have Mrs. Tiger approve you to the group**
- **74 students, 23 family members** are traveling to Spain! 6 Chaperones will be travelling with us – 104 Total Participants! Chaperones are Mr. Simon, Mrs. Gormley, Mrs. Hintenlang, Mr. Frank, Mrs. Weinstock, and Mrs. Collachi (school Nurse).
 - Bumper stickers (for luggage, instrument cases) were distributed. KI provided passport holders; some zippers did not work- **check the zipper and alert Mr. Simon ASAP if it does not.**
 - Semana Santa Procession – There are actually TWO processions that night. We will watch the earlier one that starts around 9:00pm.
- Long Range Weather looks iffy for Beach Day. Plans will change to stay in Sevilla for an extra day to avoid rain, if needed.
- KI reported that the airline no longer allows pre-payment for instruments to have oversized checked pieces paid for before arriving at the airport. Mr. Simon will pay and get reimbursed by CROPS after the trip.
- Contact Banks to acquire euros. **Mr. Simon suggests that students bring 80 euros and have a credit/debit card that gives parents the ability to refill the account with more money.** Start with \$200. On average, they might need 12 euros per lunch. There are 8 lunches in Spain, but most cafes will take credit cards.
 - **Gift cards (typically purchased at grocery store or pharmacy) WILL NOT WORK internationally!**
- Mr. Simon will be using Remind in Spain to give out meeting times during lunch breaks or “free time.” It might a good idea for at least one person per room to get a good cell plan just for the Spain trip. **Contact your cell phone company for international rates.** Verizon offers 2 plans for example - \$40 gives you 100 minutes, 100 gigs of data, and 100 outgoing texts (unlimited incoming texts) for one month or you can get unlimited call time, unlimited data, and unlimited texts for \$10 per day (\$70 for the 7 days we’re in Spain). Wi-Fi is free in the hotels, so you can get away with Wi-Fi calling using FaceTime, WhatsApp, or Viber. Since we will be in the hotels around 11pm every night, it will be a good time to FaceTime or connect with students/parents since it will be 5pm in Holland, PA.
 - **Consider downloading WhatsApp or Viber before the students leave**
- Additional costs/preparation: Teresa will prepare cash for bus tipping (\$60 per bus each way. 4 buses = \$240), Packing supplies - \$40 (bubble wrap for cello and bass bows); Exchange gifts were purchased at the Moravian Tile works for the orchestra liaisons in Spain. Total cost a little less than \$100. Gift for Director Pedro Vázquez Marío, Flamenco Guitarist Raphael Gonzalez Nunez, Toledo Mayor

Theresa Stratton - President

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President-----	Theresa Stratton
Vice President-----	Gail Culleton
Treasurer-----	Teresa Thorwart
Secretary-----	Jacki Kopack
Trip Treasurer-----	Setoo Dasaka
Membership/Database-----	Setoo Dasaka
Uniform Co-chairs-----	Celestine McDonald and Setoo Dasaka
Master Sectional/SUG-----	Theresa Straton
Trip Fundraising-----	Theresa Stratton
Sunshine-----	Rosann Logan
Winter/Spring Concerts Co-Chair-----	Denise Gray and Jeanne Weisblatt
Banquet Co-chairs-----	Celestine McDonald, Dara Zivotovsky, Setoo Dasaka
Orchestra Festival-----	Gail Culleton and Robyn Rowlands
Fall Festival/Hayride-----	Theresa Stratton
Photography Co-chairs-----	Silvia Aquino and Barbara Tiger
Publicity-----	Lisa Woolcott

Respectfully submitted,
Jacki Kopack