



CROPS General Membership Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2019 at 7:30pm. Executive committee meeting commenced 7:08pm. General meeting started at 7:45pm, ended at 8:29pm

Chris Simon, Director

- Spain – Wow! The kids had a great experience!
 - Working on picture to post; needs to be photo shopped still (asking photography program at CRS), and then will need to obtain frame
 - Will need a volunteer to measure for the frame once a picture is selected- Gail is willing to coordinate
 - Great kids, fantastic weather, awesome performances, top notch photos, wonderful Alcazar and Alhambra, kayaking, warm Spanish people
 - All seemed to have a great time! Ran smoothly; kids were well behaved
 - The tours were great, but Mr. Simon is considering a way to try to split the tours on the next trip so that there is a paired tour-guide tour paired with “on your own” touring (try to find a happy medium)
 - The performances were uniquely different and all performed so well in superior atmosphere. The Spanish people reacted with such enthusiasm- highly attended by the locals with overwhelmingly positive response from the audiences
 - Mr. Simon asks if they should consider tweaking the next trip by allowing later wake-up calls. However, what do you take out of the trip?
- Sound quality in auditorium may be improved; additional sound baffling installed
- Theresa: Banquet- senior blankets are in; sunglasses for all others; officers will receive flowers
- Theresa: Seniors will get flowers at spring concert
 - Chorus still needs to reimburse CROPS for bus and now for flowers; Teresa will send email reminder To Mr. Simon and cc: Mr. Axler
 - Will need to verify date and location for NEXT year’s banquet- will do at next meeting
- **Pennsbury Orchestra Festival** – We swept! The soloists did great; the judges had multiple positive comments, very few comments on areas to improve. Same judges will be at the CRS Orch Festival
- Other Spring Activities – 9 concerts!
 - Orchestra Festival – Friday, May 10
 - Admission is \$5/\$10. Admission covers payment to judges
 - Barb will post of HMS Facebook and Instagram
 - Holland Middle School Orch will be adjudicated
 - We perform at 8:30, awards are at ~9:20
 - Mr. Simon needs to remind them that the pizza warmer needs to be out
 - The senior Mr. Simon will be MC’ing
 - Spring Concert – Wednesday, May 22
 - Orchestra Banquet – May 29
 - No-one applied for Simon Ford scholarship this year
 - Senior Recognition performance – June 13
 - Seniors will still play, as the performance is first

- **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!**

- Barb Tiger Spain kept the Facebook page updated! Twitter too! Barb did an AWESOME job!
- Message from last month: “Long Range Weather looks iffy for Beach Day. We may need to stay in Sevilla for an extra day to avoid rain. Kids want to go to the beach regardless of rain!”

- **Pizza Nights –May 20**

- **Board positions:** Teresa is leaving, Jason Van Billiard is taking over as treasurer; Lisa Nocella will do winter/spring concert; everyone else is willing to stay on/serve another year; waiting to hear confirmation from Silvia

Theresa Stratton - President

- 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----- 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 Stratton
 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