

La Canada High School Music Parents Association
Orchestra Parents Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

7:00 PM, Band Room

I. Welcome: Kilweon Cho, Marisa Cheng, Emmanuel Hanna. Co-President Emmanuel Hanna called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. There is a sign up sheet and snacks.

II. Status of last fund raising “Macy’s” and Orchestra yearbook Pictures update: Marisa Cheng shared that \$2,245.00 was collected and that this was a good turn out. She thanked all the parents that participated. A few sectional parents earned a lot.

III. Upcoming events: 2010-2011: Kyle Smith stated that the Picture Day went well. They are still taking order forms until Friday, 11/19/10. The students should have the photographs by next week.

Connie Speltz said there is a big drive for the Winter Concert on Tuesday, 12/14/10, at 7:00 pm. The Orchestra has nice pieces: Christmas, Baroque, and a finale with the winds.

A group of musicians, called Orpheus, is being handled by Stacy Wetzel. They had their first meeting today, 11/17/10. It is a small orchestra; the best players. They do their own music, organizing, and conducting. They will be performing at the Winter Concert. Chamber Music groups will be performing in the lobby.

Winter Elementary Tour is scheduled for Friday, 12/10/10 all day. It is very important that Orchestra do this. This is a way to recruit new students for Orchestra.

Connie also told us that there will be a Conducting Assistant here on Friday, 11/19/10. Shanpin is responsible for obtaining him. He is a doctoral student in violin at USC and he is going to help with orchestra.

Next, there were questions about the Orpheus. Connie answered that this is a small group now, but it will be added to. Orpheus will be playing for the Winter Concert, 12/14/10. Kyle Smith said the 7/8 Band and Orchestra Winter Concert is 12/14/10 at 7:00 pm. On Friday, 12/17/10, they will perform during a school assembly.

IV. Volunteers needed for Concert and tour: Manuel said that there is a sign up sheet for volunteers to help concert and tour.

V. Announcements:

Curriculum Committee: Stacy Wetzel talked about field trips to Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra rehearsals:

1. 8-10 orchestra students/per trip.
2. Potential dates; the mornings of Dec (8, 10, 16); Jan. (6, 13); Mar. (10, 24); April (14, 21); May (5, 18, 26); June (6).
3. Two parent volunteers (7/8, 9/12 each) to work out details. Every student will have the opportunity to attend one rehearsal. Students will leave LCHS by 9:00 am and return by 1:00 pm. Jan., April, and May, Dudamel will be conducting.

It is good to have at least one parent to come along. Two weeks advance notice is needed to arrange trip to rehearsals.

Chamber Music update: Shanpin Hwang thanked Connie, Jason, and Kyle.

1. Chamber Music Concert: 7:00 pm, Tuesday, 1/18/11 at LCHS Auditorium.
2. Current ensemble groups—extra credit for students.
3. Chamber Music 101: “Introduction to String Quartets” arranged/edited by Irma Clark, vol. 1 and 2.
4. There is a request to join ‘Merry Mingle’, sponsored by City and Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, 12/2/10 from 4:30-6:30 pm. It is a ‘walk and sing’ along the boulevard. Will end at 9:00 pm. A discussion followed about the venue where students should play. Maybe inside the book store? Also, maybe there could be different groups and that the students should get some recognition.

9/12 Holiday party (12/10/10), ice skating, sweatshirts: Chenny Wong reported that the student council (orchestra) wants to make orchestra fun. The 9/12 ice skating party is Friday, 11/19/10. Cars will leave LCHS after school to drive to Pasadena for ice skating and at 5:00 pm drivers will transport students to Round Table Pizza in La Canada. Students can be picked up at 6:30 pm. Chenny asked for two parent drivers.

The sweatshirts are ready for students. 9/12 were given out today (11/17/10) and 7/8 will go out on 11/18/10.

The students want a pot luck holiday party which is on 12/10/10. A home is still needed to host. Joanne Yuan (Jonathon Ni’s mom) graciously volunteered her house for the party.

Marisa Cheng reported that the 7/8 ice skating and pizza party is on Friday, 12/10/10. Students will leave directly from school and drive back to La Canada at 5:00 pm to Round Table Pizza. The party will conclude at 6:30 pm. They are planning on a gift exchange and Marisa asked for drivers.

Roster and Charms: Becky Yew, in absentia. Manuel asked parents to please update any changes in email, address, and phone numbers to CHARMS.

VI. Poinsettia Fund Raising: Today (11/17/10) is last day. (Friday, 11/19/10), is the very last day.

V. Meeting Adjourn: 8:00 pm.

The Disneyland application has been submitted. The meeting had a large attendance and adjourned promptly at 8:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Laurel Asher