

GRMPA
Monday, February 6, 2014
Meeting Minutes – Chorus Room

January Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were reviewed, motion to approve made by Sharon Smolen and seconded by Kelley Forsyth.

Music Director's Report – Kevin Lagos

At this time, Mr. Jim Bogert, the maternity leave replacement for Mrs. Jessica Cino, is taking care of the 7th and 8th grade instrumental lesson. Given how few high school students were coming to their lessons, at this time, there are none.

March 13th is the Jazz Band Coffee House at 7pm in the cafeteria.

Regarding the Boston trip, the deposit checks are due in, and the next payment is due the Wednesday after winter break (Feb. 26th).

Treasurer's Report – Diane Chirco

Currently, there is approximately \$43,000 in the account. We still need to pay for the next delivery of fruit. We don't have that bill yet.

The Trumpets Cabaret Night has raised about \$1,000 to \$1,500 in the past. We'll see about this year's.

Old Business

Performing Arts Academy – Paul Byrne

Paul was not present at the meeting. Sydney Young was present and filled us in with the following: GR Recreation wants GRMPA to be involved with the Academy. GRMPA will need to book the classroom spaces and front the academy \$400-\$600 for materials needed. GRMPA will not need to do any administrative work for the academy. The two week camp (music in the morning with recreation/pool time in the afternoon) will only happen if there are enough students subscribed to it. The focus of the camp is on the younger student, and the brochure has been done by Luanne Dragone.

Trumpets Cabaret Night – Linda Hall & Karen Borbone

At this time, two days before the event, approximately 60 tickets have been sold. It has been difficult to get in contact with anyone at Trumpets until recently. There are 19 acts lined up for the evening's entertainment. The evening's schedule is as follows: 4:30pm start of sound checks (done in performance order), 6:30pm doors open, 7:00pm show starts, and 9:00/9:30pm show is over!

Fruit Delivery/Pancake Ticket Sales

We have been told by the growers that we will receive delivery of the fruit on Friday, March 1st between 3pm and 5pm. That is late in the day for us – we have usually received delivery either in the morning or early afternoon with the opportunity of having the HS band classes (7th and 8th block) bag up the fruit. Given the late afternoon delivery time, it would still be best to have as much as possible, if not all the fruit, bagged on Friday, versus leaving it to Saturday morning. Dangle the reward of pizza after all the bagging work is done in front of the students, and they will come through.

The question of whether or not to continue to have February fruit deliveries in the future came up. Historically, the February fruit delivery has always been a smaller delivery than the one in December. Plus, given that people can order online and have it delivered straight to their doorstep, it might make the most sense to eliminate GRMPA's doorstep delivery and push the online delivery. We would need

to heavily promote the doorstep direct option for February. Kelley Forsyth made a motion for there to be a fall delivery of fruit only, and Lisa Lauterbach seconded. The motion was voted and approved.

Pancake Breakfast – Lauren Kinder

It's very important to have the student volunteers signed up for the fruit delivery/ticket sales as well as for the breakfast morning itself. Best to have them signed up before the winter break, and entice them with some sales incentives for March 1st. Those incentives could be gift cards as well as possible "get out of jail free" cards for Mr. Lagos's students or something that would be worked out with Mr. Lagos ahead of time.

Website Upgrade – Linda Hall

Wm Kelly Design is currently working on putting the structure of it together so that it has a greater capability of serving both student and parent needs. The next step will be to get copy on all the pages as well as some photos and video where applicable. Rosters for each group will be on there as well.

Band Instrument Repair Guidelines – Linda Hall

According to Mr. Lagos, each school does have a budget for instrument repair. However, given the size of the budget, and the amount of repairs needed, the money doesn't last long. What might be best to aim for is to have all the school instruments accessed with a fact sheet for each, so that going forward we can tell if a repair would be worth the money or a purchase to replace would be a more prudent use of funds. Mr. Lagos will contact John at Music & Arts to start as such.

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, March 10th – GRMPA meeting, chorus room, 7pm

Thursday, March 13th – Jazz Band Coffee House, Cafeteria, 7pm

Saturday, March 15th – Pancake Breakfast, GR Congregational Church

April 4-6, Boston Trip

Submitted by Ann Leccese, GRMPA Secretary