

GRMPA
Monday, March 11, 2013
Meeting Minutes

7pm: Sharon welcomed everyone.

Band Director's Report by Kevin Lagos

Jazz Coffeehouse went very well. The 7th & 8th graders did an incredible job. There are some outstanding players in that group. The HS Jazz Band did very well too. Everyone had fun with "It Happened in Sun Valley" with Sra. Price. The weakest piece was "Blues Fur Elise" simply because it hadn't been practiced together as an ensemble in some time. This then brought the conversation to "practice" and the importance of daily individual practice. Mr. Lagos is looking to somehow improve the HS Jazz Band by possibly having an advanced jazz band as well as an "everyone else" jazz band. Mr. Lagos will speak with Mr. Phillips regarding this. Purchase of beverages and goodies sold during the event profited \$232.

Diane's Treasurer Report

Currently, GRMPA has a balance of \$42,615. The Pancake Breakfast brought in \$3,500.

Thank You's

GRMPA received a thank you from the Union Beach School which we had sent a donation of \$500 for their music program to get back on its feet after Hurricane Sandy's destruction.

Thank you to Marielle Courtois, Amy Winkleman and Gary Blackman for their hard work on the night at Trumpets. GRMPA made a \$1,100 profit from the evening.

Thank you to Lauren Kinder who coordinated the Pancake Breakfast this past Saturday. Thank you to Margarita Rogers for the "Golden Spatula" award given out to the person who had been to the Pancake Breakfast the longest. Reporters from both local papers were there covering the event so there should be some published pictures and verbiage about it soon.

Boston Trip that is scheduled for April 19th, 20th and 21st. Students know what their balance is that is due this Friday. Original cost of the trip per student was \$570. GRMPA is paying half for each student and then each student lowered the amount owed to \$185 by participating in the fruit sale and deliveries and the pancake breakfast.

End of Year Dinner will take place on June 6th after the Spring Concert at Fitzgerald's. Sharon will confirm the 8:00 time and menu.

Bands for a Better World will be on Friday, April 26th. It has been requested that the parents of the children participating stay to chaperone.

Arts Festival is on Saturday, May 11th. Both jazz bands will be performing at the festival. There will be a GRMPA table. Lisa Lauterberg has offered to sell Spirit Wear. Other volunteers will be needed to man the table over the course of the day. It was decided that as an organization, we need to let the public know what has been done with their contributions. To convey the message that all money has been wisely used, a poster will be created with photos of recent purchases, along with information on their cost to GRMPA and none to taxpayers. This will be displayed at the festival. Another way to get the

word out to the people of Glen Ridge that their contributions are appreciated would be to utilize the flip side of either the Fruit Sale or Pancake Breakfast flyer with either the same or similar information.

Car Wash is on for Saturday, May 4th at Ridgewood Avenue School. Pat DeCelie is in charge of this fundraiser. A thought was brought up that possibly some of the students might be interested in playing live music at a few of the corners at the intersection there at Ridgewood. Mr. Lagos will ask and see what they have to say.

By Laws circa 1981. These yellowed pages were found by Sharon and she motioned that we should have a by-law committee. Charlie seconded the motion. There will be more discussion at the next meeting about the forming of this committee. In the meantime, Lisa will transcribe the typed pages to a Word document.

Positions that will need filling for next year are as follows: GRMPA secretary, GRMPA publicity, Concessions assistant, Marching Band Dinner, Trumpets coordinator, Film Grant Writer, and someone to shadow Lauren Kinder for the Pancake Breakfast.

GR Corner Signs have reappeared. The shed by the Municipal Building where they had been stored had been cleared out completely and all the signs not claimed were brought to a dumpster at the Public Works yard. Some of the signs ended up at Paul Byrnes' house. Suggestion made to place on the back of each sign a contact name and phone number. In the meantime, a process of retrieving a sign once it comes down, and where it goes, etc, is being worked on by Paul.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.