

GRMPA
Wednesday, May 29, 2013
Meeting Minutes

8pm: Meeting started with Linda Hall (new GRMPA President) welcoming those present (Kelly Forsyth, Paul Byrne, Diane Chirico, and Ann Leccese).

Meeting's focus was to review GRMPA scholarship applications and to select one or more winners.

All present reviewed each of the three applicant's music history, essay, and any recommendations by teachers, advisors, etc. Discussion followed about the applicants, and each expressed their thoughts as to how to go about the selection of a winner. Consensus was that all three are equally deserving of the scholarship, and will be awarded as such to all three applicants. Given the situation of extra monies in the treasury because of the cancelled Boston trip, a decision was made by all present to increase the amount given per scholarship by \$500 to a total amount of \$1,500 for this year. Overall GRMPA scholarship money given out this year will total \$4,500.

Cancelled Boston Trip – approximately \$44,000 of the \$48,000 has been returned to GRMPA. Lost monies are due to the fact that the buses had been sent that morning for the start of the trip. This issue of what is to be done with the refunded money was discussed at the last GRMPA meeting held at the GR high school on Monday, May 13, 2013. The majority of those present expressed the desire that everyone should be refunded the amount that they put in. Diane said that once the refund check is deposited and cleared, approximately 80 individual refund checks will need to be written out. A small group will gather to write out the checks to get the job done quickly and efficiently.

Next GRMPA Meeting on Monday, June 10th at the HS – This meeting is one for all music parents to attend, whether their child(ren) is in marching band, concert band, jazz band, chorus, or madrigals. Important to reach out to these new parents to get them involved, get them excited about the coming year and its activities. *Would be great to find a family willing to host the Friday night pool party at the end of Band Camp week at this meeting.

The next meeting that will be held after will be on Wednesday, August 28th during Band Camp week for all marching band parents.

A goal that we can set for this year is to ask the teachers sooner in the year, maybe more frequently, how they would like to use the money that is in the treasury – whether it is for instrument replacement or repair, or additional instruments to lessen the wear and tear on existing ones, or for an additional day trip for a competition or to a professional performance. Now is the time to explore those possibilities.

9:15pm: Meeting adjourned.