

GRMPA
Monday, June 10, 2013
Meeting Minutes

7pm: Linda welcomed everyone.

Linda Hall, GRMPA President, gave an introduction to those present of what GRMPA is and its functions and how it looks to support all music programs that are in the school district.

All the parents introduced themselves by their name and their child's name and how their child is involved in music in school. The chairs of the different committees were introduced as well as the officers.

Kevin Lagos, Music Director at GRHS, spoke about expanding support to additional groups, such as the programs at Ridgewood as well as those at Linden and Forest Avenue Schools. Music program at the high school is great and it is vital to keep it great. Supporting Ridgewood and Ms. Schwerin is happening through a mentor program that just started this year with seniors meeting with 6th graders. Originally it was set up that Ms. Schwerin would have them sit in on an early morning band practice and it turned out that she had them break out into small groups by instrument and the seniors did the instructing that morning. Lots of positive feedback from that!

Linda Hall covered information pertaining to GRMPA's bank account. Usually, we start and end the year with approximately \$20,000 in the account. We usually fundraise about that amount as well.

There was a review of the GRMPA handbook as well as a review of volunteer opportunities to chair some committees. Beth Lowe offered to chair the Jazz Band Coffee Houses and Charlie Potter, if need be, to chair Project Oom-Pah-Pah(?). The Spring Car Wash this past year was done by the Choral Dept. and maybe again this year.

The Glen Ridge Music Academy is in great need of publicity. At this time, enrollment is low.

There was discussion about the pool party that happens the Friday night of Band Camp week and how it has always been looked forward to in the past. It would be great to be able to enlist a band family with a pool sooner than later for this. It was mentioned that this responsibility would be given to the drum major and the drill sergeant to accomplish. If need be, would it be possible to use the community pool, and Lisa Lauterbach offered to inquire. Also, if we needed to hire lifeguards, we would do so and pay for them.

Kevin Lagos gave the news that he is planning on a trip to Boston since this past trip was cancelled. The trip is to be sometime in April. The refund checks are going home in the mail to all of those that signed up.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 28th at 7pm

8pm: Meeting adjourned.