

GRMPA
Wednesday, August 28, 2013
Meeting Minutes

7pm: Linda Hall opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Linda Hall Winther, President of GRMPA, introduced all this year's officers for those new to the organization, as well as the Band Director, Kevin Lagos.

Kevin Lagos, Band Director, started the meeting by introducing all the student leaders and that the marching band is a student run organization. Practices and drills are run by the drum major, assistant drum major, drill sergeant, and all the captains. For these positions, the students were interviewed and auditioned.

Email – best way to communicate with Mr. Lagos regarding getting onto the email list, and any absences. Please do not expect him to remember something that was said in passing in the hallway.

This is a busy upcoming season with five shows. The shows are done independently which means that the town that's organizing the show, the money goes to support that parent/town group. The up side of this is we cut the fees we pay to \$300 versus last year's fees of \$2,500 to US Bands, and all the competitions are more local. The down side of doing independent is that there is no "championship" like last year's competition at MetLife Stadium. We will treat the last competition in Bloomfield as our "championship".

The show is based on three songs from composer Bernard Herrmann from the movies "North by Northwest", "Psycho", and "Taxi Driver".

First game is on Friday, September 13th, not Sept. 14. We will play at home games only, no away football games. After the Bloomfield competition, schedule lightens up. Depending on the football season, we may play at more games than what's listed.

Students need to order equipment if they need it – lyres, flip folders, dinkles, etc.

Ann Leccese, Secretary, announced that there were corrected GRMPA handbooks available for those that do not have one. It will also be made available online on the GRMPA website. There are sheets being sent around with everyone's contact info. Please review the sheets and make any necessary corrections.

Linda Hall Winther continued the meeting. On Friday at 5pm on the back field of the high school, the marching band will give their first performance of the show. Please be sure to attend. Friday night, there will be a pool party at the Dombrowskis' house. Time is about 2 hours starting at either 9 or 9:30pm. Please get your \$65 band fee to either Linda, Tyler or Diane Chirco, GRMPA treasurer. Fee covers the cost of the t-shirt as well as all the breakfasts, and after parties.

For Volunteer Opportunities, there are sheets going around to sign up to help specific committees. **Pat DeCelle is in charge of the Concession Stand**. This is the second biggest fundraiser by generating about \$6,000 a season. He and Torbin Winther did a great job recently doing an overhaul of the structure and its interior. It would be great to have a spring paint party. More pressing is to have about 18 volunteers to help with various jobs – Costco runs, set-up, cashier, and food. Please help by signing up!

The Roadies is a group that help at home football games and at shows by getting all necessary equipment onto and off the field, packed up, and brought back into the school. **This team is lead by Tupper Kinder. Lauren Kinder** spoke on her husband's behalf, and **Charlie Potters** helps run this group too. This is a great opportunity to be close to the kids and the action without it being obvious that you're there.

The Spirit Wear committee is headed by Lisa Lauterback and Sue Potters. Samples are available now for various items. Spirit Wear is currently taking orders now, and will also sell items at the football games as well. Orders are due by September 9th. Volunteers are needed to help sell at the games as well as when the orders come in to help organize them.

Just to clarify: "after-parties" are held after a competition and are generally two hours long. **"Breakfasts"**, at whatever time of day, are held before competitions. Where, or at who's home it is held is determined by the students, however there are some traditions that dictate a few of them. All this information is communicated via email, so please, we need to have accurate email addresses.

Next meeting will be on Monday, September 9th at 7pm in the Chorus Room. On the agenda will be discussion on the by-laws, the summer Music Academy, as well as a treasurer's report.

Thank you for attending.

Meeting over: 8:05pm