

**GRMPA**  
**Monday, September 9, 2013 7pm**  
**Meeting Minutes Chorus Room**

**GRMPA President Linda Hall Winther Report**

Linda opened the meeting and acknowledged many volunteer efforts and accomplishments since the last official GRMPA meeting in May. Singled out with kudos were Diane Chirco for all of her efforts as treasurer, especially with all the refunds from the cancelled Boston trip, academy checks and student fee collection. Pat DeCelie, Torben Winther and Geoff Darby were also acknowledged for hours of work to improve the concession stand at a low cost.

**Minutes Approval**

May 2013 Meeting Minutes were moved by Ann Leccese, seconded by Nancy Felix and approved by consensus.

**Staff and Committee Reports**

**Treasurer's Report – Diane Chirco**

Diane provided an overall financial report. Our cash balance as of August 2013 is \$30,397. An area of concern is the loss for the second year of \$2600 for the Performing Arts Academy. To the positive, a record time has been set in terms of the speed in which the \$65 Marching Band fee was collected. All the section leaders were made responsible for collecting the money.

**Band Director – Kevin Lagos**

Marching band music is practiced in concert band class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The marching band is far behind in terms of knowing the music. September 21<sup>st</sup> is the first football game with the band performing at halftime. Practice, practice, PRACTICE!! There is a snapshot of the show on Kevin's website page.

The new harnesses for the drum line have shipped. Color guard items have been ordered, and the color guard is looking great!

Roxbury competition on 9/28 has a 5:45pm start time with awards at 9:50pm. The bus will leave the high school at 4:00pm.

In terms of props for the show, Charlie Potters explained that there will be columns approximately 8' high with three sides, one side per movie and they will be rotated during the show.

We are planning a Boston trip for this spring. The magazine sale will start in the next two weeks. Packets will be coming home.

**Concessions Chair – Pat DeCelie**

There was a great clean-up effort on Saturday morning. There are new countertops in place, as well as a new water heater (the old one exploded). New crock pots have been purchased. Joe Auburn, the commissioner of GRAA and Lorraine, head of GRAA fundraising have been instrumental in making an effort to contact and get together with GRMPA. They are happy to share the grills and work the stand for their events. GRAA has given a set of keys to GRMPA for our use to get ice from the ice machine in the field house. They have requested a set of keys to the shack for their use as well. For the Friday afternoon game, the shack will have sell drinks, popcorn, and cookies.

### **Spirit Wear – Sue Potters & Lisa Lauterbach**

There are only 21 families that have sent in orders. They asked everyone to get orders in and spread the word. There should be a sea of red and black in the stands! Linda will forward to GRAA to ask them to send it to their membership in town. The deadline for ordering will be extended to September 16.

### **Roadies – Lauren Kinder for Tupper Kinder**

Attire for roadies is black t-shirt, and jeans. Emails will be going out for the first official game on Sat. September 21<sup>st</sup> which is also the Homecoming Game.

## **Old Business**

### **Bylaws Dan Zinman and Lisa Lauterbach**

Copies of the old 1980's era bylaws as well as the revised bylaws were handed out. Discussion of the bylaws and possible adoption will happen at next month's meeting.

On the Bylaws Committee were Linda Hall Winther, Lisa Lauterbach, Sharon Smolen and Dan Zinman. The basic changes that were made include wording of the officers' duties, the elimination of both a 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and the standing committee, provisions made for nominating a new officer has been made and spending limits addressed. A comment was made that spending limits are only relevant if we have a budget and are approving items outside of the budget. The committee will ensure this is addressed. Please review the bylaws for discussion for October's meeting. Email copies will be distributed with the agenda and minutes for the next meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Music Academy**

The Music Academy has been running for 20 years now, and there has been dwindling attendance over the years. The past two years the Academy have lost over \$4000 in total. Linda has appointed a committee to be headed by Paul Byrne to take on the role of making recommendations for taking the Academy through its next phase. Members will be the GRMPA officers plus a few people involved in music and lessons in town.

A bit of background about the academy was shared: the Academy was inherited by Kevin from Stan Jackson, the prior music director. Since the pass off, GRMPA has mainly acted as a fiscal agent and Kevin Lagos finding the staff for the lessons as well as setting up the flyer and getting it out to people. GRMPA is not in the music programming business; however a summer music enrichment program is beneficial to Glen Ridge students. There will be more discussion at next month's meeting.

### **Publicity – Betsy Sagges**

The current publicity people, Betsy Sagges and Osvaldo Umana, spoke with the outgoing chair, Margarita Rogers to get contact information for press, etc.

There was discussion in the meeting about making the inactive GRMPA Facebook page more active and in the forefront of getting the word out on what's going on, and contributing photos, etc.

While many people are a part of the Facebook world, not everyone is. Betsy and Osvaldo are going to put their focus on the GRMPA website which everyone with a computer will have access to and look to expand it. They want to make it more interactive by having a contest for the 6-8 graders with trivia

questions relating to band which would then be answered online. There would be two winners and they would get free tickets to the next football, maybe free hot dogs and drinks, and have the opportunity to sit with the band in the stands.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> is the last competition and we want to have a large crowd in the stands. All info and interest (photo/video) will be sent to the website.

Important upcoming dates were noted:

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September 13, 3pm GRHS Football, Hurrell Field Pep and Concession

September 21, 1pm GRHS Football, Hurrell Field, Marching Band and Concession

September 28, 1pm GRHS Football, Hurrell Field, Marching Band and Concession

September 28, Marching Band Competition Roxbury time: TBD

October 6, Marching Band Competition, Verona HS, Time: TBD

October 12, Matching Band Competition, West Orange HS, Time TBD

October 14, 7pm GRMPA Meeting Chorus Room, 7pm

The meeting adjourned at 8:04