

GRMPA
Monday, October 14, 2013 7pm
Meeting Minutes Chorus Room

Minutes Approval

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 9, 2013 was made by Lisa Lauterbach and seconded by Sharon Smolen. All approved.

Staff and Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report – Diane Chirco

The concession stand made about \$1,200 last weekend. All supplies have been paid for and we have approximately a \$29,000 balance which is on target for this time of year. She will have an official report at the November meeting. There are no other purchases made this season aside from the new drum line harnesses. There is one outstanding bill that Mr. Lagos made mention of which was the bus transportation bill of \$305 for getting the students to and from the NJPAC performance last spring.

Band Director Report – Kevin Lagos

Great Spirit Wear items selected this year – loves his black jacket and the other selected items. Had a discussion with all his classes (7th through 12th) and Marching Band that playing an instrument is a 12 month/year round sport. There is no way to have a great tone by practicing for a short period of time.

He also discussed that marching band could become just a social event which would mean two practices per week instead of three, playing at home and away games, but no competitions. Currently, about half of marching band is not in concert band. As a result, from November to approximately end of August, there could be very little to no instrument practicing going on. There is a need for some mechanism to be put in place so that instrument practice does happen.

Jessica Cino, the chorus teacher and assistant marching band director will be going out on maternity leave come the end of November. She will be out for the remainder of the year and possibly next year as well. Who will replace her in the meantime is still unknown at this time.

Magazine sale has not generated much in terms of sales this year so far. Very few students have returned sales slips.

GRMPA President's Report – Linda Hall Winther

We will want to honor Jessica Cino at the Marching Band Dinner (Fri., Nov. 22) in some way to acknowledge all that she has done for the Marching Band over the years. Linda acknowledged and thanked Ann Leccese for all the time and effort put in to getting all the email addresses and contact information put together.

Spirit Wear Co-Chair – Lisa Lauerbach

Spirit Wear has sold \$4,111 worth of merchandise. They are currently selling older inventory items at discounted prices at the home football games. Extra roadie and staff t-shirts were purchased, so if someone wants another or missed out on the first go-round, here another opportunity.

Concession Chair – Pat DeCelle

This Saturday is a home game. Thanks to all who have helped so far and looking forward to Saturday's game. The shack now has a new crockpot and microwave. GRMPA has received a donation from Project Graduation of their leftover Gatorade and bags of chips. Sue Potters, who ran the concession stand for the game asked if GRMPA would consider giving a small donation to Project Graduation. It was

decided a monetary donation would be given to Project Graduation in the amount that GRMPA saved by having to purchase fewer bottles of Gatorades and bags of chips.

Roadies Chair – Lauren Kinder for Tupper Kinder

One prop suffered some damage but is repairable. Tim O'Connor will be the next Roadies Chair.

Publicity Co-Chair – Betsy Sagges

There has been lots of great publicity lately in the newspapers and online.

The GRMPA website has been going through a redesign so it will have more capabilities and be more interactive.

For the last home football game, Nov. 9th, there is a plan to have alumni and current 7th & 8th graders come and sit in the stands next to the band to play with them the pep band music.

Old Business

By-laws Redraft

Time was given for questions and answers regarding wording and specific sections.

There will be rewording given to Article 7, Section 2 stating that at the "May meeting" the budget for the coming year will be approved, given that the budget differs very little from one year to the next.

The coming year's budget is based on the previous year's budget and usage.

Kelley Forsyth motioned to approve the by-laws and Lauren Kinder seconded. All approved.

Performing Art Academy – Paul Byrne

The committee is at this time starting the process of speaking with different individuals/candidates to possibly hand the Music Academy off to. The first meeting is this Friday, October 18th at 11:10am and the committee will continue to speak with others. The band directors in Belleville and Verona are possibilities as well as the music teachers here in town and maybe at the primary schools here in GR.

New Business

Fruit Sale – Kelley Forsyth

Oranges this year have suffered from blight and will be more expensive. To keep our profit approximately the same as prior years, we will need to increase our price from \$20 to \$22 per 20 lb. bag of fruit whether it's oranges, grapefruit or mixed.

In an effort to increase sales, Kelley would like to take out a 1/8th page advertisement in the local newspaper which costs \$150 per week and run it for two weeks. It was decided that for the cost of \$300, Kelley will run the ad for two weeks. For online advertising, Baristanet will run something on their site for the fruit sale. Another way of advertising would be to have band members play their instruments in the Boiling Springs parking lot, permission given by Boiling Springs, on the Thursday evening before the night of the fruit sale.

Volunteers are always invited to join the committee. Kelley is also looking for recipes to post for oranges and grapefruits as another way of increasing potential sales. Regarding the sales routes, two of them need to be redone. If someone would kindly offer their time and effort to redo them, it would be a great help.

The first week of November is when driver sign-ups will start.

Marching Band Dinner – Nancy Felix and Beth Low

There will be 17 graduating seniors this year to be honored at the dinner to held on Friday, November 22nd at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. Nancy and Beth will need volunteers for this evening.

This Saturday, October 19th - there will not be a “breakfast”, however pizza will be served at the Vecchiarello’s after the halftime performance and before getting ready for the competition at Wayne Hills.

Important Dates

Saturday, October 19th – Marching Band Competition – Wayne Hills

Saturday, November 2nd – 1pm Home Football Game – Hurrell Field

Sunday, November 3rd – FINAL Marching Band Competition – Bloomfield HS

Saturday, November 9th – 1pm Home Football Game – Hurrell Field

Monday, November 11th – 7pm GRMPA Meeting – Chorus Room