

GRMPA
Monday, January 6, 2014
Meeting Minutes – Chorus Room

November Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were reviewed, approved, and seconded. They will be posted on the website.

Staff and Committee Reports

Band Director Report – Kevin Lagos

Mr. Lagos was not present at the meeting, however Linda Hall Winther had spoken with him prior to the meeting to review a few items. Big item now is the trip to Boston; getting students signed up and the deposits collected. Concert band and chorus concert is on Thursday, January 16th at Ridgewood.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Chirco

Currently GRMPA has a balance of \$46,000 and approximately \$7,000 of that will be going out for payment when the second fruit delivery arrives. This leaves us with a balance of approximately \$37,000, and in essence, a year ahead in terms of fundraising.

Old Business

Performing Arts Academy – Paul Byrne

Paul Byrne, along with others, meet with different candidates in the effort to select someone to take on the Music Academy that over the last few years student participation has lagged and has been costing GRMPA some money to run.

The recommendation is to have Luanne Dragone head the academy. She came to the meeting with ideas for programming, a brochure, and a budget. The success of this academy depends on the relation that is built between Luanne and the students at Ridgewood Ave School hearing about it, and it being promoted to those students. The academy will fall under the auspices of GR Recreation and they will be doing the payroll/insurance/classroom space end of it. GRMPA will be helping to promote it through the website, the newspapers, and email through the schools. For this summer, the academy will be a two week morning program starting at 9am and go until 1pm with lunch time included in that. At 1pm, they can then join the GR Rec program at the pool or wherever GR Rec is that afternoon, or be picked up.

Website Upgrade – Linda Hall

Linda has engaged _____ to do a basic upgrade of our website for a very reasonable price. In terms of the process, the mechanics of the upgrade need to be done first, and the site content will follow. Linda asked if there were any items that we should look to add to the site. It was suggested that we add the ability to have prior years of marching band performances as well as other music programs such as 7th and 8th grade concerts, and other music programs.

Trumpets – Linda Hall and Karen Borbone

The date for the Cabaret Night is set for Wednesday, February 12th. We are in need of having a few more volunteers for that night, specifically someone to handle the backstage management (speaking with the performers and placing the acts in order), and some front of the house help. Pat DeCelle will MC the event. Rick _____ will do the sound check with the performers before the evening starts. Karen volunteered her husband and son to help as well with sound check. Diane Chirco and Ann Leccese will help with the front of the house (collecting tickets at the door and seating guests).

Fruit Sale – Kelley Forsyth

Pancake Breakfast – Lauren Kinder

Kelley was not present at the meeting, however information was presented about the delivery. It has been delayed by the growers given the size of our order (small for them) and where we are in relation to them geographically speaking. There was discussion about whether to 1) keep the fruit delivery/ticket sale linked together or 2) separate them (ticket sales on Feb. 1st and delivery on March 1st).

The majority concluded to keep the two together for the fruit delivery and ticket sale for March 1st. The delayed delivery date actually allows for more fruit orders to come in (end date is now Feb. 12th) and a theory to be tested about ticket sales and the # of people who actually do show up for the pancake breakfast. Thought was given to the potential need for incentives (Starbucks gift cards/ “get out jail free” card with Mr. Lagos?) to get student participation for the last fruit delivery/breakfast ticket sale.

New Business

Band Instrument Repair

Discussion regarding how the repairs are estimated for school instruments, who is responsible for paying for the repair, what instruments are owned by the school, etc. and the need to engage the GR Board of Education in this discussion as well.

Boston Trip

Trip to Boston is set for April 4-6th. The point system stays the same as last year in terms of volunteering for events. If a student works three events (two fruit sale events and pancake breakfast) that translates to a \$230 credit for them. Trip cost is \$560 per student. Deposit of \$100 is needed very soon by all signing up. Next date for money due is \$230 on February 12th (Trumpets Cabaret Night).

Important Dates

January 16 – Concert Band and Choral Concert, RAS

February 10 – GRMPA meeting, chorus room, 7pm

February 12 – Trumpets “Cabaret Night” fundraiser – get your tickets soon – limited seating