

GRMPA
Monday, April 7, 2014
Meeting Minutes – Chorus Room

March Meeting Minutes

Minutes were reviewed. It was noted that one name was not in March's meeting minutes as a volunteer for Spirit Wear. The second volunteer for Spirit Wear is Deniz Akyol. Kelley Forsyth made the motion to approve and Sharon Smolen seconded. Minutes were approved.

Music Director's Report – Kevin Lagos

Kevin was not present at the meeting. Linda Hall Winther spoke with him prior and conveyed information on his behalf.

The theme for this fall's marching band show is "Grand Finales" which will be a compilation of endings of famous songs. Regarding marching band, the upcoming season will be his last season directing the marching band. Due to health reasons, he has been pulling back from extracurricular activities. He will be working to find a replacement for the 2015 marching band season.

The Boston trip went well. The clinics went well and those that were adjudicating the different clinics were educators and interested in giving good feedback to the students.

There was discussion among the parents present that instead of doing an overnight trip, it might be better to keep it local with a visit to the symphony or other professional group instead. It is something to think about and investigate.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Chirco

Diane estimates that GRMPA will have an end-of-the-year balance of \$30,000 in June once all the bills have been handled. Both the Pancake Breakfast and Trumpets were better money-makers this year than last year's.

President's Report – Linda Hall Winther

New GRMPA Website – The new site is almost ready to go and get running. It looks great and is a huge improvement in terms of capabilities in comparison to the old site. Heading into the future and the coming fall season, the website will require weekly attention to be kept current. A process is needed for getting copy/information up onto the website and one person in charge of doing that. Overall, a web team is needed of different people to keep the site looking good and current. Team would consist of a copy person/writer, another to put the copy on the site, another to select photos for the site and get them up on the site, and another to look at it in general to check it over. A wonderful feature of this new site is that pages can be turned on and off, so that the page doesn't have to be recreated every year, but just updated.

Jazz Band Coffeehouse – The next one will be on Thursday, May 22nd at 7pm in the cafeteria.

Pancake Breakfast – Briefly, an additional \$1,200 to \$1,500 was brought in this year over last year, by students going door to door with the incentives in the back of their minds. Also, having the door-to-door ticket sale two weeks prior to the breakfast helped as well. Prior years, the door-to-door sales happened a month in advance of the breakfast.

Concession Stand – Pat DeCelle

Spring time repairs need to be made to the stand/snack shack. Pat had spoken to Lorraine McLaren Torralva of the GRAA to get their assistance with some items. GRAA had agreed to help with some of the repairs in the fall in exchange for usage of the stand for some events. Lorraine was going to have a roofer take care of the roof repairs as well as the downspouts that need replacing. The siding (clapboards) will also be looked at as well by Lorraine's contact person. If boards need replacing/repair, that will be taken care of. The siding is in need of new paint and GRAA said they would contribute towards the exterior painting of the stand.

Annual maintenance is what is really needed for the stand in order for it to continue. It has seen some pretty tough years. The hot water heater may need to be replaced again. Pat call the DPW to shut the water off, however they may not have done it in time before it got so cold so quick this past December.

Summer Music Academy – Paul Byrne

The class descriptions are up on the website which is grsummerarts.org. Staff info is on the website as well as the overall info, and individual class times. At this time, we really need to have kids signed up for classes. The target audience for this camp is for kids in grades 4-12.

Next meeting: Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7pm in the Chorus Room.

Submitted by Ann Leccese, GRMPA Secretary