

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

September Meeting Minutes

The minutes were reviewed. Kelley Forsyth motioned to approve, and Lisa Lauterbach seconded. Minutes were approved.

President's Report – Paul Byrne

Review of purchases made at September meeting and at Executive Committee meeting

Quick recap of purchases approved of at the September meeting and reviewed as well at a September Executive meeting on September 17th. The purchase of the sound system was further examined during September in speaking with Kevin, reviewing the proposal by the audio company, as well as having an independent audio person look it over. Given that the proposed system will have ceiling speakers, room speakers, microphones, has the capability to record with instant playback, and the possibility to add to and/or update components within the band department budget, the committee approved that the purchase be made.

The executive committee also approved the purchase of a newer vibraphone from Jerry Weir, a GRMPA parent as well as a professional vibraphonist. This will replace the existing one which will be given to Ridgewood Avenue School for their program.

The last item approved of by the committee was the donation of \$750 to Evan Gates for the purchase of two outdoor instruments that will be installed in the Glen as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Video for Marching Band Dinner – This will be put together again by Geoff Darby, who did an outstanding job last year of combining photos, video, and music. Photos and video are being taken at practices, games, and competitions currently with specific shots/angles in mind for the video. Kevin informed us that one person will be given access to the box at the Bloomfield competition to shot video.

Marching Band Dinner – Beth Low is chairwoman for the dinner, had a meeting last night and it seems that she has enough volunteers in her committee presently to get things going. The dinner is scheduled for Friday, November 21st at 6pm in the school cafeteria.

Water for the Marching Band – At the Verona competition on Saturday, a good number of marching band was thirsty. There were “water –grams” available as well as water at the concession. The idea was suggested to have a cooler of water and Gatorade available to the students at each competition. At this time, the water could come from the concession stand supply, and Lisa Lauterbach offered the use of a rolling cooler. Storage of water and Gatorade could be in the storage room of the band room, however Kevin is not responsible for the locking of the lockers.

Music Director's Report – Kevin Lagos

Magazine Sales – So far, \$560 has been collected from the sale of magazine subscriptions. While this is an easy fundraiser that's been done and organized by Kevin over the years, the participation has dropped over the years. Is this something that should continue in the future or be dropped?

Brainstorming about how to increase parental participation of those who have students in 7th & 8th grades as well as music students in those grades – Suggestions were made to give personal invitations to freshman parents to come to a GRMPA parent social at Fitzgerald's on Sat. Oct. 25th, as well as to take in the opportunity to help at a “breakfast” or “after-party”. To get the 8th grade students excited, give them the opportunity to play in stands music with the band at a home football game as well as invite them and their parents to take in the Bloomfield competition on Sat. Nov. 2nd.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Chirco

At this time, given that we have lots of deposits as well as bills to pay, we have about \$24,000 in the account presently. The concession stand brings in about \$700 to \$800 per Saturday game. Friday's game brought in \$500-600.

Fruit Sale – Kelley Forsyth

The first committee meeting was held last week to get new volunteers acquainted with the process, assign specific tasks. The price of a bag of fruit was discussed. The price of oranges has risen dramatically whereas grapefruit has remained stable. The price for a bag of fruit was \$22 last year and given the huge rise in price for oranges, it was decided to raise the price to \$24 per bag. At this time, Kelley will take care of the December delivery, and have DoorStep Direct take over the February delivery. If someone is willing to help/take over the February delivery, then we could do the fruit delivery/pancake ticket sale as we have done in the past.

On Friday, Nov. 14th the marching band is scheduled to play at the train station as they did last year to greet the commuters on their way home, and to signal the start of the sale. Color guard will be there as well to hold/wave signs about the sale. We will be giving the band & guard members pizza afterwards as well as handing out fruit samples to the commuters.

On Saturday, November 15th, the fruit sale will make its door-to-door sales.

Concession Stand – Pat DeCelle

Pat has been working with the GRAA members to get the stand in better shape. The stand will have a tile floor sometime in November through donated tile, as well as donated time and labor. The exterior needs replacement of about 6 clapboards that should have a carpenter take care of given that they are at the bottom of the wall. A question came up about paint color and any possible restrictions on the color from the GR Historical Society. Most agreed that paint color is not an issue. Another improvement that was spoken about is adding storage space under the windows. Other items that need to be taken care of on the stand is the roof and gutters are in need of replacing.

KRB Pest Control came through and took care of the mice problem at a reduced price of \$250.

Spirit Wear – Lisa Lauterbach

All the t-shirts have been in and all the orders for Spirit Wear were placed today. There has been talk about roadies and the need for something other than just a t-shirt. There are black fleece vests in the storage room that could be used, they just need to be located.

Chairs needed for some committees for next year

There are some committees that will need someone to take on starting next year such as Concession Stand as Pat's daughter Jessie is a senior this year. The Fruit Sale in another one that needs taking on. The Pancake Breakfast will be handled by Lisa Lauterbach this year. Spirit Wear will be taken on by Beth Low as she and Lisa worked together this fall. Open officer positions will be Treasurer and Secretary.

Next meeting: Monday, November 10th at 7:15pm in the GRHS Chorus Room.

Important Dates: Sat. October 11th – West Orange Competition
 Sat. October 18th – Wayne Hills Competition
 Sat. October 25th – Home Game at Hurrell Field