

**GRMPA**  
**Monday February 9, 2015**  
**Meeting Minutes – Chorus Room**

**January Meeting Minutes**

**Band Director's Report – Kevin Lagos**

Kevin reported that some of the new sound system components have arrived and some are still outstanding. He is also working on selecting and booking a spring trip for band members. At this time, the choice of dates that he has to work with is limited given the number of days that there is testing going on between the PARCC, AP exams, etc. Kevin also briefly spoke about instruments and their condition in regards to potential repair. Most likely there will be fewer band students next year, so it will be easier to have instruments go out for repair during the year.

There was discussion about the instruments that are currently at Ridgewood Avenue School, in particular, the piano and the newly acquired vibraphone. There is concern about how they are being handled and used by the students as well as outside groups that come in and use the auditorium. Maintenance for the piano was spoken about. A small group of parents (Kris Ramanathan, Joan Giurdanella, and Lisa Lauterbach) volunteered to meet with John Mucciolo, to discuss the maintenance and the securing of these instruments. It is thought that either the district or GRMPA could have someone come in to assess the situation regarding the piano and make suggestions that could be acted on to keep it in shape.

**Trumpets – Paul Byrne, President**

The date for Trumpets is this Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Currently there are 12 acts signed up. We need to get from the students the name of their group, what instruments will be played, as well as songs they are playing. From that, a performance order will be put together as well as the program. Sound check will be done by Peter Lauterbach starting at 4pm. Lisa Lauterbach will be MCing the event with Arlene Marino checking people in at the door as well as Ann Leccese helping out with those paying at the door.

Paul Byrne made a motion, effective immediately, to move the position of the current treasurer Diane Chirco to those coming up, both Yvonne Provost and Lloyd G. Provost. The motion was seconded by Pat DeCelie, and the motion was carried.

**Pancake Breakfast – Lisa Lauterbach**

Event date is Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Lisa has confirmed the date with the Congregational Church. Door to door sales will happen on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the second fruit delivery. Lisa will have an incentive plan put together for that date to help drive and encourage the students to go to each door. Publicity for the breakfast has been put together by Joan Giurdanella for the newspapers and Baristanet to make people aware of the event. Sign-up sheets will be placed in the band and chorus rooms.

**Fruit Sale – Joan Giurdanella and Ann Leccese**

The order will be called in and after the winter break, sign-up sheets for students and parents will be out. The breakfast is being organized by Ann. Kris Ramanathan is organizing the drivers. Joan and Ann would like the opportunity to revise the routes this year. They apparently have been this way for many years with no revision. There are four routes with over 100 stops, one route with 20, and the majority

fall in the range of 60-80. They would like to work with a professional that is known through Darius Sollohub to work on the revisions.

**Concession Stand – Pat DeCelle**

There is still outstanding work that needs to be done to the stand. The floor did not get installed in the fall as originally thought. That will wait until spring at this time. Also, the stand needs a new coat of paint, however, it first requires a good scraping as well as replacement of some clapboards. If the scraping and board replacement could be done professionally and before Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, it could be possible for us, GRMPA, to have the students put on the primer coat of paint. Information was given by Kevin that there is now, starting this year, a Glen Ridge Service Day, and the high school is looking for ways/projects to get the students involved. If the primer is done by the students, the finish coat could be done by the adult volunteers.

**Important Dates**

Wednesday, February 11 <sup>th</sup> , 7pm	Trumpets Fundraiser
Saturday, February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 8:30am	Fruit Delivery & Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sale
Saturday, March 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8:30am	Pancake Breakfast
Monday, March 9, 7:15pm	GRMPA meeting
Monday, April 13 <sup>th</sup> 7:15pm	GRMPA meeting
Saturday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 8am	GRMPA Car Wash
Saturday, May 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10am	Jazz Bands at Art Festival

Respectfully submitted,  
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