

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

**February Meeting Minutes** – The minutes were reviewed. Pat DeCelle made a motion to approve and Anthony Turiano seconded.

**President's Report – Paul Byrne**

**Old Business**

**Trumpets Fundraiser** – Made a profit of approximately \$860 from the evening's attendance.

**Fruit Sale** – Joan Giurdanella and Ann Leccese made a quick report that all ended well with the February delivery of fruit. They are still interested in looking to see other town organizations routes in hopes of having routes that are more balanced. They will be reaching out to the CCC through Yvonne Provost to see what their maps are. If those are the same, they would like to work with a person that works with maps through Darius Sollohub.

**Pancake Breakfast** – Lisa Lauterbach is in charge of the event. In 2014, 500 tickets were sold in advance of the date and there were 240 walk-ins with a total profit of \$4,888. This year's breakfast profit was \$3,698. At this time, we don't know if there were higher costs of certain breakfast items or just reduced ticket sales that lead to the decreased profit. A suggestion was made that we could explore the idea of showing a performance video(s) utilizing the stage screen there at the Congregational Church hall to promote the high school music program.

**Concession Stand Maintenance** – Pat DeCelle is still looking to get the necessary work done on the stand this spring. The new floor tile is still to go in and hopefully that can happen with a few volunteers on a warm spring Saturday coming up. The paint on the exterior is peeling in places and needs to be scraped as the whole stand needs a new coat of paint. Some clapboards are rotting and need replacing as well as a new roof. It was suggested to have Don Zichelli take a look at those items and give an estimate on the cost of each. There is a "GR Serves Day" that is coming up on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> that would have the availability of some student labor, such as painting, that GRMPA could potentially utilize if we are ready in time.

**New Sound System for the Band Room** – Kevin Lagos was not present to answer questions regarding the pieces that had been delivered and progress in terms of its installation.

**New Business**

**Summer Music & Art Academy** – Luanne Dragone was present for the meeting. Last year she ran the program and she felt it was a success and is looking to do the same this year, and even better, to expand the program to four weeks! In doing so, there is a new hurdle that must be dealt with which is liability insurance. Luanne has on her own purchased workmen's compensation since she will be paying staff. However, the liability insurance pricing that she was quoted from the school district agent seemed quite high. It was suggested that she contact several other agents before signing anything.

**Jazz Band Coffee House** – Both the High School and Middle School Jazz Bands will be performing this coming Thursday evening in the cafeteria. There needs to be someone to take care of the beverages and the bake sale portion of the evening. Ann Leccese offered to do as such.

**Officers and Volunteer Leads for 2015/2015** – A list of names have been given to Kris and Sujana Ramanathan as potential candidates for the open positions. The upcoming meetings in June and August are important to try to involve/encourage the newer freshman parents.

**GRMPA Scholarship Committee** – A group of parents (that is not parent to a current senior) is needed to review the applications and letters, and to award the scholarship to one or more of the candidates. The group is usually that of current officers and the meeting is held in May as the awards are given in early June.

**Middle School Student involvement in GRMPA fundraisers** – A suggestion was made that in the future we could open up the fundraisers, such as the fruit sale deliveries and pancake breakfast to interested middle school students to help them defray the cost of their trip to Dorney Park.

**Concert Band/ Chorus Dinner** – A dinner is hosted by GRMPA for the Concert band and Chorus and Madrigals after the Spring Concert. Recent history is that it has been held or catered by Fitzgerald's and we are going to do the same this year. Paul Byrne will look into the menu and cost per student.

**Spring Car Wash** – GRMPA has asked if the Chorus & Madrigal groups would like to have the Car Wash which is Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jim Bogert accepted and the monies will be used to help them pay for some of their competitions/events.

**Band Trip** – The Band trip this year will be to Morristown to see Peter Schickele's "PDQ Bach" on April 24<sup>th</sup> in the evening.

**Important Upcoming Dates**

Thurs., March 12 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Jazz Band Coffee House
Mon., April 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:15pm	GRMPA Meeting
Fri., April 24 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	PDQ Bach Concert – Morristown
Sat., May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:30am	Car Wash at RAS
Sat., May 9 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Jazz Bands at Arts Festival/ Eco Fair
Mon., May 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:15pm	GRMPA Meeting
Thurs., May 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00pm	Jazz Band Coffee House

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Leccese  
GRMPA Secretary