

**GRMPA**  
**Monday, May 11, 2015**  
**Meeting Minutes – Chorus Room**

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 13, 2015 was made by Lisa Lauterbach and seconded by Kris Ramanathan. All approved.

**Staff and Committee Reports**

**Band Director Report – Kevin Lagos**

Report on PDQ Bach

Mr. Lagos liked the performance but got mixed reviews from the students. Some of them didn't get the jokes. Mr. Lagos agreed that they were rather simple puns and humor, but felt that everyone in band should see a PDQ Bach show at least once. About 32 students were there -- about the same as the Boston trip. The show was funded by GRMPA except for about \$300. The students did have a good time and heard some interesting music. "PDQ Bach" uses local musicians, which Mr. Lagos appreciates, and the performances themselves were great.

The Arts Fair was great – Mr. Lagos heard that it was very successful. Ms. Landgraber organized a "Pancake Dinner" fundraiser for a family that lost their home and all their belongings on Christmas Eve and was able to raise almost \$2000.

**President's Report – Kris Ramanathan**

**GRMPA Scholarships**

Kris stated that everything is all set with the GRMPA scholarships; the selections have been made and the awards will be presented at the student assembly.

**Liability Insurance**

Kris spoke with Peter Caprio regarding liability insurance for GRMP. He told Kris that we need to get insurance and to contact Whitney Roddy. Kris spoke with Martha Falheimer there, who said that we should be covered under the school's general umbrella policy (as we always have been in the past). Kris filled out a form with Dianne's help and has submitted it. He is waiting to hear back. It is certainly not clear if the summer program is covered.

**Concession Stand**

A new tile floor installed today into the concession stand by Messrs. Turiano, Provost, Decelie, Darby and Prouse. They moved the fridge and cooler. They plan to paint the concrete brown and then move those things back. This needs to be done by 5/28. Mr. Phillips has asked for permission to use the ticket booth portion for GR Service Day. We will need to move things out of there early enough to allow them to clean it up for the 28th.

**New Band Director**

Congratulations to Dr. Darren Gage, incoming Band Director! Mr. Lagos confirmed that this is an excellent choice for continuing the tradition he himself inherited. He also stated that the

new show, which will be announced tomorrow, is perfect! Things went well today with the 8th graders. They asked a LOT of questions -- very unusual, but very good, insightful questions. This group of 8th graders have progressed more than any group Mr. Lagos has ever taught. There are 30 in the class. The marching band could get anywhere between 10 and 25. We will find out next Wednesday. 7-8 people have talked to Margaret Marino about Color Guard (but that's not unusual -- however, they often don't show up in the end). Mr. Lagos is hopeful that at worst we will remain status quo numbers-wise. We are losing 11 seniors and also a few younger musicians. Part of the driver for announcing the show now is to increase interest before sign-ups.

### **Fundraising Events**

Kris stated that we are confirmed for March 12 for next year's pancake breakfast. The Trumpets event is confirmed for the same day as last year.

We will circulate an email to 8th graders regarding the Spirit Wear that is left.

### **Banking Arrangements**

Kris stated that we are set up for next Saturday for bank signatory switchover. We will look into switching to Boiling Springs.

### **Band Photos**

Kris spoke with Osvaldo Umana, who is happy to handle photography going forward. Paul Byrne and Sydney Young will post photos on the homepage after Mr. Lagos informs Mr. Umana regarding the current photography posting policy.

Mr. Lagos mentioned that there are hundreds of photos and videos from the Trumpets event. Ben Samuelson sent them to Mr. Lagos, and they are really great.

### **Miscellaneous**

We will need to check on whether the kids can get community service credit for hours spent on GRMPA fundraisers. Paul Byrne will call Mr. Phillips tomorrow.

Kris Ramanathan mentioned that he saw Odalie Curtis this weekend, who mentioned that Shabazz High School doesn't have a high school band, so they have a community band that includes parents. Kris wonders whether we should institute something like that here in GR. Mr. Lagos mentioned that we've done some alumni and parent involvement events in the past, and they never really took off, but it is something we should try again.

### **New Officers**

Paul Byrne made a motion that Anke Kramer Dombrowski be named Secretary of GRMPA for next year. Lisa Lauterbach and Kris Ramanathan both seconded. The motion was passed.

Paul Byrne and Sydney Young "passed the azaleas" to the Executive Committee and expressed their appreciation of the Executive Committee and enjoyment of the past year. Mr. Lagos agreed that it was a great year and a wonderful way to go out.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anke Kramer Dombrowski  
GRMPA Secretary