

GRMPA
Wednesday, August 26, 2015
Meeting Minutes – Cafeteria

Band Director's Report

GRMPA welcomed Dr. Darren Gage. He provided details on Marching Band leadership, the Fall Show (Buddy Rich's West Side Story) and the schedule for Band Camp week.

President's Report – Kris Ramanathan

Old Business

Liability Insurance – Kris Ramanathan and Yvonne Provost updated attendees on GRMPA's acquisition of Liability Insurance for the 2015-2016 school year. They also informed the attendees that GR Summer Music Academy's liability insurance was initially paid by GRMPA but fully reimbursed by the Academy.

Summer Academy – Luann Dragone provided an update on the Summer Academy and how successful it was in the new 4-week format. There seems to be a lot of student interest.

Concession Stand Maintenance – Anthony Turiano showed pictures of the beautiful new tile floor! Our thanks to him, Pat DeCelie and other parents who assisted in laying the new tile floor.

New Business

Season Kickoff Party – Discussed logistics of season kickoff party at the Turiano residence. All food and drink to be provided/donated by the Turianos! Ann to bring committee signup sheets and name tags.

Activity Fees – Yvonne and Gary Provost presented the budget and cash balance and that there was a slightly lower balance (less than \$1,000) at the start of this school year than the start of the previous school year. Some of this shortfall was attributed to the fact that GRMPA paid more for the tshirts and student activities (breakfasts, post competition parties, etc) than we collected from each student. Thus, after some discussion, it was agreed that Yvonne and Gary would make a recommendation to the Executive Committee on a new activity fee per student for this school year. It was also agreed that GRMPA would provide guidance to parents on how much they would be reimbursed for hosting a breakfast or a party so that they could budget accordingly.

GRMPA Website – Discussed needed updates to website; transferring billing of hosting and domain to GRMPA; Ali Umana to begin researching whether site can be made mobile-friendly.

Band Camp Week – Parents volunteered to deliver ice pops during band camp. Determined, based on initial suggestion from Dr. Gage, to host a "sandwich social" after the traditional Friday afternoon Marching Band show preview as a good for parents and students to meet and mingle after a tough week. Kelley Forsyth took on role of organizing the social with help from several parents.

Committee Chairs and members – Discussed the need for new members for all committees so agreed to have sign up sheets at Season Kickoff and Sandwich Social and to make a strong effort to recruit new parents to join and participate.

PBA Donation – Y. Provost suggested that GRMPA make a donation to the Glen Ridge PBA for their support of the Marching Band on Football Game Days. A recommendation of a \$100 donation was made and unanimously approved.

Pool Party – It was announced that the traditional post Band Camp Friday night pool party for the kids would be hosted by the Marinos.

Important Upcoming Dates

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| Friday, September 11 | 3:30 - 6:00 pm | MB Rehearsal |
| Sat., September 12 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm | MB Rehearsal |
| Wednesday, September 16 | 3:30 - 6:00 pm | MB Rehearsal |
| Friday, September 18 | 3:30 - 6:00 pm | MB Rehearsal |
| Sat., September 19 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm | MB Rehearsal |
| Sun, September 20 | TBA | VERONA COMPETITION |
| Monday, September 21 | 3:30 - 6:00 pm | MB Rehearsal |
| Thursday, September 24 | 3:30 - 6:00 pm | MB Rehearsal (*adjusted for Yom Kippur) |
| Friday, September 25 | 3:30 - 6:00 pm | MB Rehearsal |
| Sat., September 26 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm | FOOTBALL GAME |
| Monday, September 28 | 3:30 - 6:00 pm | MB Rehearsal |
| Wednesday, September 30 | 3:30 - 6:00 pm | MB Rehearsal |

Respectfully submitted,
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GRMPA Secretary