

GRMPA
Thursday, October 1, 2015
Executive Committee Ad Hoc Meeting – Chorus Room

This meeting was called for the Executive Committee and the Band Director to discuss expected expenditures during this school year, so that we can review our current finances and fundraising needs.

Dr. Gage referenced an email message he sent us setting forth some of the upcoming expenses. The first item is the bus to take the marching band to the national championships. Dr. Gage informed us that the high school will be covering the standard bus cost, so GRMPA will need to cover the additional amount for the nicer bus. Yvonne Provost will confirm with the school what amount the school will cover. She will also look into whether the school covers the cost of the truck to carry the gear. Kris Ramanathan will check on possible bus companies. Dr. Gage also confirmed that the school is covering the registration fees for the championship.

The band's step-off time for the national championships is not yet known; it will be based on their seeding, which is based on their last three show scores prior to the championships. Dr. Gage will check to see if he can get a time range from the organization.

The other trip that Dr. Gage has on the schedule for this school year is the biannual trip the band traditionally takes for music educational purposes. This trip takes place in May (after AP exams). Dr. Gage's suggestion is Cleveland, for a music in the park event at Cedar Point Amusement Park and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. He will do some research and look into dates with the school.

There is a similar trip for the younger students to Dorney Park. GRMPA fronts the cost for the buses for this trip, but is reimbursed 100% by the school.

As in the past, Dr. Gage proposes that GRMPA defray a portion of the trip costs by donating money to cover a portion of the costs of those students who participate in fundraising events (e.g., participation in 3 of the 4 major fundraising events would cover 50% of the trip cost for that student).

Dr. Gage has no other significant expenditures on the wishlist for this year -- although he does want to get the music labs that were previously funded and equipped (primarily through grants) up and running. That is a topic for discussion in the near future.

Joan Giurdanella followed up on an issue that had come up at our meeting in May, regarding which marching band costs are and are not covered by the school (i.e., the drill design fee and the music arrangement fee - one of which is covered by the school and the other of which has

traditionally been covered by GRMPA). Dr. Gage confirmed that this was handled this year in the usual way. Joan will check with Betsy Ginsburg regarding what is not covered and why.

We then talked about Dr. Gage's request that GRMB jackets be provided by GRMPA to the marching band staff. In that context, we reviewed GRMPA's financials. We are concerned about the spring trip Dr. Gage has suggested, because we did not build up a surplus last year to cover that trip. We are currently projecting income that will only just cover our planned expenses not including the spring trip. We will look into additional fundraising opportunities, and will also ask Dr. Gage to provide detailed information regarding not just the Cleveland trip he has suggested, but also a cheaper alternative. We will need to evaluate the educational value of those trips as well as our fundraising progress before we approve the requested subsidy.

We will specifically ask Dr. Gage whether we would be able to reinstitute the magazine fundraiser this year, since that raises over \$1000 every year. We will also consider bake sales.

Respectfully submitted,
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