



September 30, 2020 Minutes (PENDING APPROVAL, 10.6.2020))
7:30 pm Zoom Meeting

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Approval of June 3rd minutes

CHORUS DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Pavliv

Mr. Pavliv ("Mr. P") spoke about the challenges that Covid-19 presents to the GRHS chorus as singing together in person is not considered safe and will likely be one of the last activities to resume live. Varsity Chorus and the High School Chorus continue to meet every day online, but there are fewer participants than in previous years.

Mr. P has really developed his online offerings, particularly with Music Technology, which includes the study of music business and music production and engineering. Every 7th grader has the music technology course as part of a rotating cycle of electives. He also has some cool links to videos about virtual music making on his GRHS website with titles such as, "*How to Make Music at Home on your iPad*", "*How to DIY a Recording Studio at Home*", and "*How to Safely Protest with Music*". Check it out here:

<https://sites.google.com/glenridge.org/pavliv/music-technology?authuser=0>

TREASURER'S REPORT - Vince Kozlowski

Vince screen-shared the GRMPA budget at the meeting. Our overall expectation is that our income will be reduced this year. There are challenges with fundraising during the pandemic: There will be no revenue from *Snack Shack* this year as we are not allowed to sell food and beverages during the 2 scheduled football games this month.

Citrus sale - another GRMPA tradition, will happen this year, however, orders will be submitted online only. Students will most likely not be going door to door to ask families to purchase fruit. There is the possibility that students will distribute flyers in Glen Ridge mailboxes, however, this is not certain, and will depend upon NJ Covid-19 Information Hub guidelines in November. We are certain that we will ask the town to send the information out in a town-wide email to

encourage people to purchase their citrus online. Students would then deliver the fruit to the front door/porch of those residents who placed orders.

Pancake Breakfast - This spring event is also a longtime fundraising tradition. It may be possible that we do it in a reduced way in the late spring, however, it is too early to determine what the Covid-19 guidelines will be in spring 2021.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dr. Gage

Dr. Gage would like to emphasize that, despite the challenges this season, there IS a GR Marching Band and that the most important thing is that it should **bring joy and relieve stress** during these trying times. (I know that Noel's experience of virtual learning has improved 200% this year due to the fact that he is able to have vital social connection with his fellow band members.)

Dr. Gage continued to give the details of the schedule for this past Saturday, 10/3, which was our first halftime performance during the first home football game of the season. The second and final home football game/halftime performance is scheduled for 10/31. The band was in full uniform and top form for show. check out the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v8kVwGXWPv4>

The band played in the bleachers by the Snack Shack to allow for social distancing in the main bleachers.

It was also **Senior Day!!!** and our seniors were formally presented accompanied by their parents and/or family members. There were boutonnieres for the seniors and flowers and photo buttons for the parents. A big shout-out to *Julie Stolte* for photographing the seniors on short notice so that she could order photo buttons, adorned with musical notes and ribbon in our school colors. Also a big thank you to *Kim Burja*, who thoughtfully brought 2 beautiful cakes (chocolate and vanilla) to celebrate the seniors. Congrats to : **James Anderson, Adam Ayan, Elizabeth Delgado, Taylor Kilgen, Mathilda Kozlowski, Steven Oliner, Zach Stolte, and Emma Woolf.**

The band then stayed after the game to videotape *Peter and the Wolf* for their first competition, which will be judged virtually. We will be able to view this video as well after the judges have watched it.

PAST EVENTS

GRMPA Scholarships (Given out to departing seniors in the music program):

Six scholarships were awarded in June 2020: 4 to Marching Band seniors and 2 to seniors in Varsity Chorus. All were highly deserving as each student was exceptional in their dedication and commitment to the music program for all 4 years of their high school career.

Dr. Gage said that our scholarship money would be more effectively distributed if we allocated some money for students in the actual program. Scholarship money granted to current students

for private music lessons would enhance their individual musical study and benefit the program as a whole.

MARCHING BAND

- **Band Camp** at the end of August and the Showcase Preview Performances were all extremely enjoyable and hugely anticipated as we have been required to limit our activities for so long.
- **T-Shirts** distributed - 52 extra sold - thanks to William Walker for the *Peter & the Wolf* design
- **SpiritWear:** Sarah McGrath- We made a \$357 profit from the sale of SpiritWear items and will be opening up the store again for the holidays
- **Marching Band dues** (\$50) reminder - please send or give checks to Vince Kozlowski, 117 Midland Ave
- **Prop Construction:** Pam DeLuca
Pam would like to thank all of the hard working parents who helped build and paint our sets for Peter and the Wolf. A special thanks to the Kastenmeier/McGrath family for letting us use their backyard as a workspace and garage for storing the props.

The rolling platforms are now being stored at Hurrell Field. Also, Beth Low will be writing the words ("Peter and the Wolf") on the black painted panel. We are currently awaiting confirmation from Dr. Gage on the correct font to use for the letters.

NEW BUSINESS

- Roadies and volunteer parents are still needed for upcoming events. For Roadies, please contact Tom Eaton.
- *Claire Delaney* is building an Alumni Directory--to share information, fundraise, get info on colleges and music programs. Claire is also asking the alums to get involved with the Pancake Breakfast. Please email Tom if you are interested in helping with this project
- In lieu of a spring music program, we are looking into creating a playlist on YouTube of students' work: jazz band, concert band, some chamber music, perc ensemble
- Fundraising Ideas: Virtual Gala.....we need your ideas!
- Marching Band End of Year Dinner - TBD

GRMPA 2020 Marching Band Practice, Performance & Competition Schedule Practice:

Tuesdays-Thursdays 3:30 to 6:00 pm (11/5 TBA); Fridays 3:30 to 6:30 pm (11/6 TBA)
Fridays 10/9, 23, 30 Family Showcase concluding practice 6:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS & REMAINING MUSICAL PERFORMANCES OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

10/16, Friday	Video Shoot - Remo Invitational, 3:30pm - 6:30pm
10/24, Saturday	Video Shoot - NJ State Championships, 10:00 - 5:00pm
10/31, Saturday	Home Football Game/Video Shoot - National Championships, 10:00am - 7:00pm
11/6, Friday	Video Shoot - US Bands Grand Finale, 10:00am - 5:00pm
<p>For more competition info check US Bands Website</p> <p>https://trigonroad.com/yea/schedule.cfm</p>	

UPCOMING DATES * subject to change or cancellation

- November 4 GRMPA Monthly Meeting
- November 18 Marching Band Dinner *
- November 20 Fruits Sale Kickoff * - Train Station TBD
- November 21 Fruit Sale * - 9AM
- December 2 GRMPA Monthly Meeting
- December 11 Fruit Arrival and Bagging *
- December 12 First Fruit Delivery *
- January 6 GRMPA Monthly Meeting
- Jan/Feb TBD Valentine Candy Sale
- February 3 GRMPA Monthly Meeting
- Jan/Feb TBD Restaurant Sponsorship
- March 3 GRMPA Meeting
- March 5 Fruit Arrival and Bagging *
- March 6 Fruit Delivery and Pancake Breakfast Sales *
- Mar/April TBD Pancake Breakfast *
- April 7 GRMPA Monthly Meeting
- May 5 GRMPA Annual Meeting
- May 15 GRMPA Car Wash at RAS horseshoe *
- June 2 GRMPA Monthly Meeting

EVENTS and Musical Performances 2020-2021 as allowed

- November TBD Autumn Sings (Old Canal Inn)
- November 26 Chorus to sing at Ashenfelter 8K Race on Thanksgiving Day
- January TBD Middle and High School Chorus Winter Concert January TBD Middle

and High School Band Winter Concert
February TB Cabaret Night
March TBD Jazz Band Coffee House
March TBD Talent Show Rehearsal
March (or May) TBD Talent Show - May or may not be possible
May TBD American Choral Directors Association State Competition - Rutgers
May TBD Jazz Band Coffee House at Freeman Gardens
May TBD Middle and High School Band Spring Concert
May TBD Middle and High School Chorus Spring Concert
May TBD Middle School Competition at Great Adventure
May 31 Memorial Day Parade
June TBD Middle School American Young Voices Performance Prudential Center
June 18 GRHS Graduation (some or all MB band play)

GRMPA COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Citrus Sale: Vince Kozlowski /Ed Kastenmeir /Nadine Papas Wilkes
Pancake Breakfast: Pam DeLuca
Snack Shack: Barbara Andrews and Tracy Sullivan
Spirit Wear: Sarah McGrath
Roadies: Tom Eaton
Photographer: Julie Stolte
Signage (corner sign on Ridgewood): Vince Kozlowski
Sound & Prop Engineering: Jonathan Duckett
Chorus Liaison: Heather Allen
Jazz Band Coffee House (March): TBD
Refreshment Committee Chair (Train Station Kick off, Citrus Breakfasts): Ingrid Kozlowski

Prop Master: Pam DeLuca
Videographer: Patricia Drudy
Website: Kris Ramanathan
Talent Show: Steve DeLuca
Cabaret Night: Tom Eaton

GRMPA COMMITTEE CHAIRS STILL NEEDED FOR 2020-2021

Please contact any member of the Executive Committee if you are interested in the following committees:

Cabaret Night
Jazz Band Coffee Houses - Women's Club (winter), Freeman Gardens (spring)