



## **GRMPA Minutes**

May 5, 2021

7:30 pm Virtual via Zoom

Approval of April Minutes - Minutes are approved.

Band Director's Report: Dr. Gage - Dr. Gage is not attending

Chorus Director's Report: Mr. Pavliv - Mr. Pavliv is not attending

Treasurer's Report: Vince Kozlowski

### **NEW BUSINESS**

GRMPA By-Laws

Overlap of Executive Committee in May.

Appointment of GRMPA Executive Committee slate and committee chairs for 2021-2022

Co-presidents; Kristy Graves and Pam DeLuca

Vice Presidents: Nadine Pappas-Wilkes and Edward Kastenmeir

Secretary: Barbara Andrews

Treasurer: Amy Davis

Uniform Committee - new!--Dr. Gage wants to order the pants. We need help with managing the inventory. Dr. Gage and Lizann are working on getting the best pant from the best supplier.

Barbara Andrews - Senior Parent

Sharon Sargeant - Junior parent

Christine Badalamenti - Sophomore parent

Freshman parent TBD

We need high quality uniforms that last for several years. DG wants to get the exact measurements of each band member. Can we start with the kids that we know will be on the roster for next season?

### **UPCOMING DATES and MUSIC EVENTS**

May 24 6:00 pm - MS/HS Jazz Band at Freeman Gardens (rain date May 25)

Old slate works on this. New Executive Committee members start on June 1st. Doug Andrews will be in charge. Bring a blanket and your own snacks and folding chairs. DG is wondering if he can have the cityscape flats and risers as a backdrop. We will be bringing the props, the school provides the music stands and transportation from the HS to Freeman Gardens. Doug to chat with Tom about the details. Tracy will help. Doug will speak with Kevin at Freeman

Gardens. We should set up the lights. Gas Lamp will be unloading from their performances on the weekend on Sunday or Monday. James Andersen's dad has a pick up truck. Vince will also help as will Dan Walker.

Car Wash - Tom sent out an email to Rob Hill--still has not heard back.

We will need to meet as a board after 5/24.

Pam summarized DG's email:

6/7--Concert Band Performance. DG wants to supplement the concert with paid musicians. \$560 For 7 professional musicians (\$80 each). DG wants the band to sound really good and the virtual rehearsals have been difficult due to the Covid pandemic (delays with the internet) We have \$38K in our account. There was some debate about the number of professionals DG wants hire as it is more than normal. Some students dropped out because of the pandemic. The \$560 for the 7 professional musicians is approved.

Also, a keyboard repair--this is in the budget. We have a borrowed tuba. Pam is working with DG to put together a list of ongoing instrument repairs. Percussion instruments are in poor shape.

Finally, a Budget for private lessons was suggested for some students who are transitioning to another instrument.

May 31	Memorial Day - Marching Band responsibilities TBD
June 2	7:30 pm - GRMPA Monthly Meeting start of 2021-22 with new Executive Committee
June 7	7:00 pm - Spring Band Concert, HS back field (rain date June 8)
June 9	5:30 pm - Pep Band/Jazz Band at 8th Grade Carnival, HS back field
TBD	Restaurant Sponsorships - Anthony's Cheesecake, Six Points Pub
TBD	Fundraising - Coffee Sales

### **MARCHING BAND SCHEDULE**

May & June	Thursdays, 1:45 - 3:00 pm practice
TBD	Summer practice schedule
August 24	Rookie Day
August 25-29	9:00 am - 7:00 pm (Wednesday to Sunday) all 5 days - Band Camp
September 1	3:30 - 6:00 pm - First after school practice (Wednesday)
Sept-Nov	Practice - Tues, Wed, Thurs 3:30 - 6:00 pm; Friday 3:30 - 6:30 pm
September 4-7	OFF Saturday - Tuesday
September 11	Saturday practice 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
September 18	Home Football Game 1:00 pm
September 25	Home Football Game 1:00; Evening Show, Piscataway (USBands)
October 2-4	Weekend OFF

October 9	Home Football Game 1:00 pm; Evening Show, West Orange (NJMBDA)
October 16	Evening Show, Wayne Valley (NJMBDA)
October 17	Show, Passaic Valley (USBands)
October 23	Home Football Game 1:00 pm; Evening Show, Verona (NJMBDA)
October 30	Home Football Game 1:00 pm; USBands State Championships, Old Bridge
October 31	NJMBDA State Championships (TCNJ)
November 6	USBands National Championships (MetLife Stadium)
November 30	Tuesday evening Marching Band Celebration Dinner, GR Country Club

### **2020-2021 GRMPA Executive Committee**

Co-Presidents: Tom Eaton & Tracy Sullivan

Co-Vice Presidents: Edward Kastenmeier & Nadine Papas Wilkes

Treasurer: Vince Kozlowski

Secretary: Barbara Andrews

### **2020-2021 GRMPA Committee Chairs**

Citrus Sale: Vince Kozlowski / Ed Kastenmeier / Nadine Papas Wilkes

Pancake Breakfast: Pam DeLuca

Spirit Wear: Sarah McGrath

T-Shirts: Tracy Sullivan

Snack Shack: Barbara Andrews / Tracy Sullivan

Roadies: Tom Eaton

Prop Master: Pam Deluca

End-of-Season Marching Band Dinner: Tom Eaton / Tracy Sullivan / Patricia Drudy

Website: Kris Ramanathan

Photographer: Julie Stolte

Senior Day: Tracy Sullivan

Signage (corner sign on Ridgewood): Vince Kozlowski

Sound & Prop Engineering: Jonathan Duckett

Chorus Liaison: Heather Allen

Videographers: Micah Fink / Patricia Drudy

Refreshment Committee Chair (Train Station Kick off, Citrus Breakfasts): Ingrid Kozlowski