**Grove Jr. High Orchestra Association Meeting Minutes March 13, 2018**

In attendance: Mrs. Berger and Tess Setchell

**Old Business**

Clinics with Carrie Provost & Frank Lestina - The students enjoyed working with Carrie Provost! Frank Lestina is rescheduling his clinic for May, pending recovery from a medical issue.

IGSMA March 10th - Great parent participation/attendance at the performance. 8th grade students did a nice job and received a 1 for their performance, which means they are eligible to compete at State in Joliet.

Budget status - We have exceeded the fundraiser budget by $468.74 (thank you Colleen) and we still have excess funds to spend. If we go to State, a boxed lunch can be purchased for the students by the boosters. We also have funds remaining to pay for a fieldtrip.

**New Business**

Fieldtrips - It was suggested that the classes do separate field trips as it will be easier to manage since the class sizes have grown so much. The 6th grade class will do a fieldtrip to Elgin Symphony Orchestra. The 7th grade class will go to Niles West and the 8th grade class can attend a CSO concert. Each experience is most beneficial for the attending age group.

State Contest - Competing at State will be considered if we get 80% student participation and there is a closer location than Moline. Deadline to enter is March 20th .

Solo/Ensemble Contest April 4th - The contest is at Friendship School from 4 – 8pm. Students are practicing and are ready! A check for Tina Lawrenz (accompanist) for $350.00 will be needed. The expense is offset by the participation funds collected.

Spring Concert May 16th - Medals and pins will be ordered by Mrs. Berger. Mrs. Berger will distribute the Blizzard order forms which will be due May 9th.

8th Grade Party - Mrs. Berger will request party ideas from the students. Previous successful venues of Main Event, trampoline place or Dave and Busters were discussed.

Ice Cream Party - Mrs. Berger set a date of May 25th and Tess will reach out for volunteers closer to the event.

**Next Meetings:** Tuesday May 8, 2018