GOA Meeting 9/12/2017

In attendance: Carolyn Berger, Tess Setchell, Rosa, Agnes, Colleen Carlberg, Marilin Marzan

**Mrs. Berger’s Report**

* New school year and classes well under way, no IMEA tryouts this year.
* New Parent sign up nights were well attended, went smoother with preparation done by fifth grade teachers.
* This year’s headcounts: 6th grade – 55 students, 7th grade – 44 students, 8th grade – 42 students
* While Grove hosted Fine Arts Festival, Solo/Ensemble Contest, and X last year, Grove is not hosting any of these this year.
* Mr. Sunkin may offer to host regional IGSMA Organizational Contest this year in the Spring, March 10. If this comes together Orchestra will join as co-sponsor. Would need 40 parent volunteers for this event across band/orchestra combined. Tentative – keep on the radar.
* Field Trips – Mrs. Berger open to ideas and suggestions. Additional research needed.

**Treasury Update**

* Have excess funds
* See Excess Funds Spending update under Old Business
* Can proceed with plan for two retired teachers as guest speakers.

**Old Business**

* **Ice Cream Party**: Tess, Colleen, Gina, and Marilin helped serve ice cream. Event ran smoothly, we had enough supplies, and students enjoyed.
* **Excess Funds Spending**: Mrs. Berger ordered stand lights and new pieces of music. Mrs. Berger will proceed in ordering bass stools (~$700).

**New Business**

* Board Positions 2017-18
  + Colleen will shadow Tess for treasurer role
  + Marilin is secretary
  + Positions open for next year: President and VP
* Fall Fundraisers
  + **Coupon Books** - Colleen will coordinate. She will review compare books to a new App option and will coordinate with Tess on the selection.
  + **Taffy Apple Sales** – TBD. Held during Fall parent/student goal conferences, October 4/5. Tess will check with Mr. Harrington regard the sale of apples and water. Would have students pair up for 2-hour shifts. Mrs. Berger will begin with 8th grade students to seek out volunteers. If parent volunteers are needed, Mrs. Berger will alert Marilin to prepare Sign-up Genius call for volunteers.
  + **Winter Concert DQ Blizzards** - TBD. More planning during next GOA meeting.
  + **Spirit Wear** – TBD (Tess will review volunteer forms). Mrs. Berger will help issue to parents to go out this month (update: email went out 9/13).
  + **Dine N Share** – Gina Knight will coordinate. Is checking with Buona Beef about scheduling a date and will confirm. Open position for next year.
* **Orchestra Shirts** – Marilin/Agnes. Agnes will come in 9/21 10:20 – 12:35 to help with student measurements. Will also check if Meghan York available. Marilin will help coordinate collection of order forms, payments and place order.
* **Parent Membership Dues** – Mrs. Berger to send out forms week of September 25, before parent conferences.
* **Social Media** – Open position. Need volunteer to help push out information and Grove Orchestra events.
* **Orchestra Website** – Mrs. Berger to update with future meeting dates and times: October 10 and November 14. No December meeting.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m.**