**Grove Jr. High Orchestra Association Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2017**

In attendance: Mrs. Berger, Tess Setchell, Colleen Carlberg, Agnieszka El Yakine, and Marilin Marzan

**Mrs. Berger’s Report:**

Oct 24th Hauntcert – well attended, standing room only. Eighth-grade students enjoyed, invited students from 5th, 6th, and 7th. Easy to coordinate, have ground work and do-able if future students would like to do.

Nov 9th Jr/Sr High School Night – Eighth grade students performed alongside EGHS orchesetra students. Was also a very successful, students enjoyed the experience.

Nov 15th / tomorrow – Seventh grade clinic at Niles West. Students have been super focused to be ready. Performance will be in front of three Clinicians and students will receive performance feedback.

Future Guest Teachers – Have reached out to various people to come in as guest teachers. The first is retired orchestra teacher to come in February (rate is $75/hr). A second guest teacher will be lined up closer to spring concert.

Dec 14th Winter Concert – All students are getting ready for it.

Tuxedo shirts – Came in and have been distributed.

Secret Santa – Will discuss on Monday with students and check student interest/participation. Will conduct name selections on Monday of break week.

Field trips – nothing to report just yet, coming soon. Would be planned for February/March time frame. Will begin to research in the weeks to come. Looking at a few options and for all grades with consideration to transportation and lunch.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* All well, no major updates.
* Once field trips are decided can allocate funds.
* Guest teachers – can move forward with the two clinicians/guest teachers planned.

**Old Business:**

Jr/Sr night – only feedback was that maybe too many testimonials/speakers. There were five of them, seemed a little long/much. Parents raised questions about different types of orchestras available at the HS. Consideration to those students (Friendship) that will not attend EGHS. Student feedback from Grove, enjoyed the evening and the exposure to the high school. Overall good interaction between Grove and the HS.

**New Business:**

Fundraiser – proceeding with the coupon book fundraiser for this year. Same concept however the company will be different. Book is a larger, flat book with a phone app feature. Will try it out for this year, same pricing $25/book. No charge for lost books. Will be prepped during Thanksgiving week and will go out last week of Nov/first week of Dec. Colleen will come in to explain to students.

Blizzards for Winter Concert – updating the order form and changing the order form collection process to avoid loss of any orders (to address the small amount of lost forms/5th grade issue in the past). We are backing up the order due date and syncing up with last 5th grade lesson to ideally not have any forms lost in transit. Forms are to be turned in directly to the orchestra teachers. Sales are expected to be the same as past years. Will need volunteers, Tess will check volunteer forms. Tess, Colleen, and Marilin will assist.

Dine and Share – no update from Gina/was looking at Buona Beef benefit night the evening of the winter concert.

**Future GOA Meeting Dates –**

No longer necessarily trying to align with Grove PTO meetings.

Tues Jan 9th 630 (last one to paired)

Mar & May - TBD