

GVMPA

Meeting Minutes – August 29, 2024

In attendance:

Meenakshi Krishnamurthy, Eileen O'Malley, Chris Scott, Christine Tseng, Danielle Werkeiser, Greg Dippell, Will Shafer, Alex Siwa, 4 music parents

1. Approval of June 2024 meeting minutes—moved and approved
2. Reports from Officers and Representatives
 - a. President's Report – Danielle Werkeiser
 - Welcome back everyone—new and returning families
 - Welcome to Greg Dippell who is now orchestra/choir teacher at GVMS and one of the Winds Staff for this year's GVHS Marching Band
 - Marching Band: New set up to reserve UHaul trucks (GVMPA pays upfront and will be reimbursed by the District)
 - b. Student/ISC Officers' Reports
 - not present due to start-of-school year activities
 - c. Treasurer's Report – Eileen O'Malley
 - Some corporate donations have already been presented to GVMPA **(THANK YOU!)**
 - GVMPA will begin this year's Annual Appeal soon (campaign to raise individual & family donations to support GVMPA)
 - Successful GV Music Car Wash earlier this month
 - First Shack Night income was average
 - Eileen is working with Katie on Choir Trip tickets (gathering rest of the money)
 - GVMPA has covered the cost for replacement of Gator battery, supplemented cost of Marching Band shoes, and covered cost of Marching Band show shirts (one per band member)
 - GVMPA has recently paid for our 3-year CutTime (communication service) subscription and has renewed our Zoom and Wix licenses
 - d. Financial Secretary's Report – Chris Scott
 - Mums Sale
 - Recently launched and will conclude on 9/4
 - 42 orders thus far; expects a big push of orders in the final few days

-- Popcorn Sale

- Launch will be late September
- 4-day, online fundraiser (Board is considering doing more than one round)
- Students will use online link to get their orders and *can expect \$4-10 profit per item*
- Popcorn will be shipped directly to customers (no need for students/families to pick up and deliver)

ACTION (outstanding from June minutes): GVMPA Board to create flyer for *Tonino's Dine & Donate fundraising event* and publicize starting in early September on social media and via CutTime

e. Elementary Instrumental Director's Report – Will Shafer

- Open House for beginners will be on 9/16
- New music wing at 5/6 Center; acoustics in rehearsal room is great!
- Replacement for Will at General Wayne Elementary will be Maura George

f. MS Instrumental Director's Report – Greg Dippell

- MS Music program is now 7th and 8th grades
- Choirs began today (8/29)
- Gregory hopes to raise the level of musicianship of the GVMS ensembles

g. HS Choral Director's Report – Katie Domizio (not present, information via email)

- Choir will sing National Anthem at Phillies game next month (a Wednesday night game); rehearsals for this are happening now

h. HS Instrumental Director's Report – Alex Siwa

- All ensembles have grown!
- Great Marching Band Camp in August
- **LA Trip dates have recently changed** due to schedule conflict with PMEA Regional Music Festival; **dates are now 3/20-24** (remains at Thursday to a Monday)
- GVHS Music concert dates will be distributed soon (all concerts will be on Thursday nights)

3. Unfinished Business

a. Music Schedule and other changes for 5/6 Center & GVMS

- Ongoing conversation with Dr. Goffredo about 5/6 Center Choir; will now leave follow-up to 5/6 Center music teacher Taylor Gavin and Dr. Hammond; Taylor has a plan
- Outstanding question: will Choir be offered in 4th grade?

b. Board Positions

-- 2024-2025 GVMPA Board:

- President: Danielle Werkeiser

- **Vice President: OPEN**

- Treasurer: Eileen O'Malley

- Secretary: Christine Tseng

- Financial Secretary: Chris Scott

- At-Large: Vijaya Vissapragada Parakala

- At-Large: Meenakshi Krishnamurthy (shadowing Eileen O.)

-- Majority of current Board will not return next year (current parents of Seniors)

-- **GVMPA is still searching for new parents to shadow current Board members to familiarize themselves with Board position roles**

4. New Business

a. MS ensembles: MS music classes are now ELECTIVES; Danielle is confident that conversations and progress will happen; she is happy that ensembles are in the morning (not after school)

b. Charlestown Elementary (CT) needs a piano

-- Request has been submitted to GVMPA; good, middle-ground option will cost \$1,039)

-- ***IDEA: partnership between GVMPA and CT PTO for matching funds campaign for piano***

-- Meenakshi found out that every elementary school in Downingtown SD has a piano; purchase of them comes out of District budget; service and upkeep of pianos comes out of respective school principal's budget

ACTION: Greg to find out if additional elementary music rooms in other school districts all have pianos

ACTION: Danielle to contact CT PTO about matching funds campaign idea

5. Committee Reports / Planning

a. 2024-2025 Shack: Great numbers from 1st Shack Night on 8/23; Cindy Lighton and Christine Dragoun are leading the Shack committee: Marching Band Senior Night will be on Friday (9/13); **will need more volunteers on 9/13 to cover Senior parents who will be participating in Senior Night halftime event**

b. 2024-2025 Parent Volunteers: Volunteer sign ups for 2024-2025 are on gvmpa.org

ACTION: Christine T. to ask Alex about possibility of Marching Band staff being back-up chaperones at Away Games and Competitions

c. Committee Needs (searching for help with these areas)

- 2024-2025 Annual Appeal
- GVMPA Web site
- GVMPA E-mail Newsletter
- GV Music Spiritwear (merch ordering)
- Marching Band Banquet (Sunday, 11/24)
- Designer Bag Bingo (Spring 2025)

6. Upcoming Events

- 9/13 Marching Band Senior Night/GV Home Football Game
- 9/14 Mums Sale delivery at GVHS
- 9/26 GVMPA Membership Meeting
- 11/24 Marching Band Banquet (dinner)

7. Adjournment