

GVMPA

Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2024

In attendance:

Eileen O'Malley, Chris Scott, Christine Tseng, Danielle Werkeiser,
Joy Deminski, Greg Dippell, Taylor Harner, 3 music parents

1. Approval of August 2024 meeting minutes—moved and approved
2. Reports from Officers and Representatives
 - a. President's Report – Danielle Werkeiser
 - Great season for the Marching Band so far
 - New parent volunteers at the Shack
 - Choir performed at Phillies game
 - 5/6 music lessons have begun
 - b. Treasurer's Report – Eileen O'Malley
 - Marching Band: waiting for receipts for prop expenses; over-budget on cost of Marching Band section shirts (it was a RUSH order); reminder to launch GVMPA Annual Appeal Campaign soon; waiting for Designer Bag Bingo receipts for purchases so far this school year (mainly for bags)
 - Treasurer's Report approved
 - c. Student Leader Reports – Taylor Mason, Luca Scott (Tri-M)
 - Searching for Tri-M member volunteers for upcoming winter concerts (2 per concert)
 - Tri-M planning to perform at nursing homes in mid-October
 - Idea to sell flowers at upcoming concerts (near merch tables) to raise funds; need suggested quantities from GVMPA
 - Looking for Tri-M members to help with GVMPA social media and other events
 - Alex Siwa to create a Tri-M CutTime group to send out messages
 - Varun Kartick is coordinating the cataloging, assessment, and repair of GVHS musical instruments
 - Idea for Tri-M to create a mural for Instrumental Room

ACTION: GVMPA (Vijaya?) to provide Tri-M with suggested amount of flowers to purchase per concert based on attendance and past sales

- d. Financial Secretary's Report – Chris Scott

- Car Wash: \$1,200 total profit (2 days)
- Mums Sale: \$1,935 total profit from sale (26 students sold)
- Popcorn Sale: scheduled for 10/16-10/19-
- Poinsettia & Coffee Sale: scheduled for 11/7-11/26 (distribution will be on 12/7)
- Tonino's Dine & Donate: scheduled for 10/23

ACTION: Danielle to make a Tonino's Dine & Donate flyer and put event on online listings (DONE)

- e. High School Instrumental Director's Report – Alex Siwa
 - Marching Band: working on last movement in show
 - Seasonal evening Concert Band rehearsals have begun
 - LA Music trip: dates changed but most students were not affected; 78-80 total students going
 - 10/18: 8th Grade Band will attend Home Football Game in the stands

- f. MS Instrumental Director's Report – Greg Dippell
 - Chamber singers are starting next week
 - Great turnout at auditions: Select Choir: (28 students); Chamber Orchestra: (60+ students)
 - Jazz Band sounds great

- g. HS Choral Director's Report – Katie Domizio
 - Not present at meeting

- h. Elementary Directors' Report – Taylor Harner, Joy Deminski
 - 5/6 music spaces have many new, modern features
 - Biggest roadblock: not enough budget for more instruments and rug
 - 4th through 6th Grades having Will Shafer full time is great
 - Taylor will meet with O'Toole about what 5/6 Choir will look like (since now kids begin Choir in 7th grade)
 - Joy has 90+ students in 4th Grade orchestra and same number of students for Band
 - Student numbers overall are good but scheduling is a challenge (larger groups with mixed instruments); concerned with inadequate time with each student

- 3. Unfinished Business
 - a. Music Schedule and other changes for 5/6 Center & GVMS
 - Danielle has spoken with music teachers over the past 2 weeks: has organized everyone together to discuss with their District rep about music program
 - Charlestown Elementary Principal Pickell is purchasing a new piano for their music room

-- Repair of music instruments: idea for instrument drive; Joy mentioned some businesses offer scholarship instruments (loans of instruments for free)

ACTION: Christine Dragoun to follow up on idea for instrument drive and businesses with scholarship instrument programs

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. Committee Reports / Planning

a. 2024-2025 Shack: Homecoming Game/Shack is on 10/18 (8th grade visit)

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

c. 2025 Marching Band Interest Meeting: need to rework agenda/content

5. Upcoming Events

-- 9/28 Marching Band Competition at Unionville

-- 10/4 Home Game vs. DTown West

-- 10/10 Away Game at Rustin HS

-- 10/18 Homecoming Game vs. Henderson HS

-- 10/19 Marching Band Competition at Upper Dublin HS

-- 10/25 Away Game at WC East HS

-- 10/26 USBands PA State Championships at Upper Moreland HS

-- 11/2 USBands National Championships at MetLife Stadium (NJ)

-- 11/24 Marching Band Banquet (dinner)

6. Adjournment