

# GVMMPA

Meeting Minutes – October 30, 2024

In attendance:

Eileen O'Malley, Chris Scott, Christine Tseng, Danielle Werkeiser,  
3 music parents

1. Approval of September 2024 meeting minutes—moved and approved

2. Reports from Officers and Representatives

a. President's Report – Danielle Werkeiser

- Charge for music parents to attend School Board meetings
- Need to push for elementary and 5/6 Choirs
- Music class changes will not be made for 3 years
- Need to draft letter from GVMMPA and provide letter template for music parents to compose letters to send to the School Board

**ACTION: Danielle to dig up the items from 2020 to possibly reuse for letters**

b. Treasurer's Report – Eileen O'Malley

- Shack net income exceeded budget by approximately \$4,000 this season
- Annual Appeal Campaign is starting to see activity--early in the process--currently running below target of approximately \$9,000 in overall donations

c. Student Leader Reports – Taylor Mason, Luca Scott (Tri-M)

- Not present at meeting

d. Financial Secretary's Report – Chris Scott

- Tonino's Dine & Donate (10/23): was not greatly attended, but GVMMPA was able to raise \$200
- Popcorn Sale: first popcorn sale gross was \$2,232; students receive 50%
- Coffee Sale: will begin on 11/10, with distribution will be on 12/7
- Holiday Plant Sale: will begin 11/7 and end before Thanksgiving

e. High School Instrumental Director's Report – Alex Siwa

- Not present at meeting

f. MS Instrumental Director/Choir Director's Report – Greg Dippell

-- The choir's big focus so far this year has been progressing in music reading ability; Greg is focusing on note reading, rhythm recognition, and melodic recognition (well-received by the students)

-- Choir concert (12/11): 7th and 8th Grade choir with Select Chorus, three songs each, combined song with everyone at the end; after school rehearsal either 12/9 or 12/10; dress rehearsal on 12/11

-- New marking period started today (10/30): new music elective classes began; numbers are still small but definitely going up; Adam Search and Greg are adding exciting new elements to the music elective classes, including higher level concepts of movie and video game orchestration

-- 7th and 8th Grade orchestras: fantastic numbers and participation in the auditioned groups, select choir and chamber orchestra

-- New ensemble--the 8th Grade honors string quartet: rehearse once a week after school, with aim to perform at the instrumental concert in January, as well as at various community events within Malvern's Victorian Christmas

-- A new viola ensemble: started this year as well; have the numbers this year to do so and the kids are really excited

-- *Overall, things are going really well*--performance groups are playing at a high level, and the music elective classes have started to populate more; Greg is trying to give the students every chance to play and perform in a smaller group setting, outside of the choir and orchestra; using the viola ensemble as an example, if the numbers and desire is there, Greg strongly believes the children should be given every opportunity to do so; he is taking that approach to the choir as well; have some individuals in the eighth grade who have expressed an interest in a possible jazz vocal group

g. HS Choral Director's Report – Katie Domizio

-- Not present at meeting

h. Elementary Directors' Report – Taylor Harner, Joy Deminski

-- Not present at meeting

3. Unfinished Business

a. Need a succession plan for next year

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.)

#### 4. New Business

- a. Replacement floor (mat) for Color Guard or Indoor Percussion
  - Tom Armstrong has found a pre-owned mat and has offered to put it on hold for purchase by GVMPA
  - Purchase of this mat—moved and approved
- b. Indoor Percussion transportation for spring 2025
  - need to find out if GVHS will supply buses and expense reimbursement
- c. Web site/Newsletter: Lamees Hanna will be updating the Web site and preparing the email newsletters (taking over for Kerry)
- e. Annual Appeal Campaign: currently underway, with deadline on 11/15; information is on the GVMPA landing page with links to donate
- f. Designer Bag Bingo: will be on 4/25 in GVHS Dining Room

#### 5. Upcoming Events

- 10/31 – Marching Band Community Preview/Trunk-or-Treat
- 11/2 USBands National Championships at MetLife Stadium (NJ)
- 11/7 Shack Attack II (closing up for the season)
- 11/14 – HS Instrumental Winter Concert
- 11/21 - GVMPA Membership Meeting
- 11/24 - Marching Band Banquet
- 12/10 5/6 Orchestra Concert
- 12/11 – MS Choir Concert
- 12/12 – HS Choir Winter Concert

#### 6. Adjournment