

GVMPA

Meeting Minutes – November 21, 2024

In attendance:

Meenakshi Krishnamurthy, Eileen O'Malley, Chris Scott, Christine Tseng,
Danielle Werkeiser, Katie Domizio, Alex Siwa, 2 music parents

1. Approval of October 2024 meeting minutes—moved and approved
2. Reports from Officers and Representatives
 - a. President's Report – Danielle Werkeiser
 - Busy last few months: marching band championships, championship celebration parade with East Whiteland Fire Company support, start of music concerts, Tri-M students volunteering at first concert, more concerts coming up, indoor percussion and indoor color guard seasons starting
 - Need to push for elementary and 5/6 Choirs
 - b. Treasurer's Report – Eileen O'Malley
 - We are at the halfway point for Annual Appeal donation amount; anticipating more donations to trickle in
 - Preparing to pay for new indoor mat
 - Because there will NOT be StringFest this school year, we can move that money somewhere else
 - \$4,000 over for Shack earnings
 - Still need to pay marching band staff
 - Treasurer's Report—moved and approved
 - c. Student Leader Reports – Taylor Mason, Luca Scott (Tri-M)
 - Not present at meeting
 - d. Financial Secretary's Report – Chris Scott
 - Popcorn Sale: \$2,235 total sales, with \$1,117 of earnings/credits to be divided between 8 sellers (Chris will be constructing a spreadsheet for Eileen ASAP); 37 customers purchased in the 4-day sale
 - Poinsettia Sale: Orders must be placed by this Sunday night 11:59pm
 - Coffee Sale: has concluded and totals are being tabulated
 - Distribution of coffee and poinsettias scheduled for Saturday, 12/7, 10am-1pm inside the high school; if we have one or two Tri-M volunteers, we may not even need adult volunteers to help distribute

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

- Marching band: great season!
- First concert last week: good audience turnout
- Tri-M: students participated (guitar and voice) at the opening of the newly renovated Malvern Library
- PMEA: auditions this Saturday (12 choir students, 14 instrumental students)
- Indoor Percussion Interest Night: full season, busing to be provided for the students
- Indoor Color Guard: Interest Night on 12/3

f. MS Instrumental Director/Choir Director's Report – Greg Dippell (notes provided to Danielle)

- Middle School Choir Concert (12/11): 8th Grade Choir, 7th Grade Choir, and Select Choir will perform at the concert; dress rehearsal will be after school on 12/9 and one during the day on 12/11
- 8th Grade Honors string quartet has their first performance at the PTO Dinner at GVMS, providing holiday music while dinner is served, thanks to Dr. Cohen for providing them with this opportunity
- The new 7th Grade Honors sextet has their first rehearsal 12/3 after school; 6 high-level string musicians who will be given more difficult literature and some more performance opportunities
- Announcements about the GVHS indoor percussion and color guard teams have been circulating around the middle school for about a week now; a demonstration provided by GVHS color guard seniors is taking place 12/2 from 7-7:30am to drum up interest from potential members
- 7th and 8th Grade orchestra and band including jazz band and chamber orchestra continue to develop and have been plugging away at their music for the January Concert; more updates about their concert and music at the next GVMPA meeting
- Music elective courses are still solid and continue to grow gradually in numbers

g. HS Choral Director's Report – Katie Domizio

- Choir: Holiday concert will be on 12/12 (accompanied by Taylor Harner); dress rehearsal will begin after Thanksgiving, looking for GV Choir alum to join in to sing Auld Lang Syne
- PMEA: auditions will be this Saturday, 11/23
- All ensembles are sounding good!
- Chambers singers will perform at People's Light Bonfire (12/14), Christmas at the Cabin (12/7), District-wide caroling with Jazz Band to General Wayne, KDM, 5/6 Center on 12/16; caroling at GVHS on 12/20; singing at Desmond Luncheon

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.)

c. Challenge with cancellation of elementary-level choir and musicals

-- Danielle has email addresses where concerns should be sent

-- A GV Choir alum has offered to send an email and attend the next School Board meeting

-- GV is the only school district that doesn't offer choir at 4th/5th/6th grades; we need to quote statistics such as this on our social media

4. New Business: promotion of our music program successes on our social media

a. Music Students of the Month (elementary through 12th grade)

b. Parents whose music students were in past elementary school musicals

c. Lists of upcoming choir events and chosen PMEA students

5. Upcoming Events

-- 11/24 Marching Band Banquet

-- 12/10 5/6 Orchestra Concert

-- 12/11 MS Choir Concert

-- 12/12 HS Choir Winter Concert

6. Adjournment