

GVMMPA

Meeting of the Association

May 23, 2022

1. Approval of April minutes—moved, seconded and approved!
2. Reports from Officers and Representatives
 1. President report—Danielle has been in full swing as GVMMPA president again! GVMMPA attended all of the spring concerts; great sales. Boutonnieres provided (and pinned on) for seniors! String Fest on 5/25 in front of middle school and 4th grade band concert on 31st. Congratulations to GVMMPA scholarship winners—Mollie, Pooja, and Luke! Thanks to Tom, Laura, Suz (me!)—the outgoing members of the Executive Board.
 2. Student officer reports –
 - a. Instrumental Student Council President (and winner of the John Phillips Sousa Concert Band Award!)—Logan Madden—For band—Concert went fantastic. The students missed a dress rehearsal due to weather and still did fantastic!! ISC planning spring picnic for music department students—MAY 28 2:30-5:00. (possible fall back to June 4.) Pot luck at Valley Creek Park. ISC—Making a new MB collage! Hooray! And will help to update the perpetual plaques! Double hooray!
 - b. Choir President (and winner of the National Choral Music Award) Samantha Horvath and Orchestra President (and Winner of the Orchestra Award) Maya Leibowitz did not attend, however, during the meeting Samantha provided a written report, which is summarized in the Epilog section of these minutes.
 3. Treasurer’s report (Alex)—
 - a. Very successful merch sales at concerts! Sold a lot of our backlog. We still have seat cushions but otherwise ready to restock for next year.
 - b. Paid for registrations on trailers today; scholarship checks, formalwear dry cleaning.
 - c. Need to pay \$500 to reserve band banquet.
 - d. Some staff fees for indoor perc have yet to be paid because some students haven’t paid the activity fee yet.
 - e. Move, seconded and Treasurer’s report is approved!
 4. Financial Secretary report (Tom is here! Triple hooray!!!)
 - a. Wawa coupons still for sale—Tom is holding about “a ton” of coupons for sale (several thousand dollars in sales).
 - b. Tom wants to get together with Chris to provide a download of the Financial Secretary function for next year.
 - c. Tammy suggested that we make Wawa coupons available for sale on the GVMMPA merch table to remind people that the Wawa coupons are available for sale. Good deal for buyers and the seller.
 5. HS Choir Director report –Ashley Vogel did not attend.
 6. HS Instrumental Director report (Alex Siwa—did not attend but provided a lengthy report.) See the substance of the report, which was read by Danielle at the meeting, in the Epilog section.
 7. MS Instrumental report (Adam Search)
 - a. Thanks to GVMMPA for support on lobby action (music merch sales, directing traffic, etc) at concerts.
 - b. Stringfest this WEDNESDAY. Bring lawn chairs. GVMMPA provides water ice.
 - c. Mr Search decided that the concert band and jazz band would not participate in Hershey Music in the Parks this current year but have already confirmed for next year!! (Another Hooray!! Will be so great for the MS next year!) And Adam says the MS has confirmed to do Parade Band next year as well.
 - d. Mr Search reported that High School musician Aditiya Bhosale has put together a mentoring program (Knowledge Program) which is primarily comprised of HS musicians providing lessons to MS musicians.
 8. Elementary Instrumental report –Will Shafer declined the meeting and did not send a report.

3. Unfinished Business—The perpetual plaques are coming back as unfinished business since they need to be updated with 20-21 award winners and 21-22 award winners! Looks like the ISC may be able to help out with delivering to the printer.
4. New Business
 1. Proposed 2022-23 Executive Board & Vote
 - President – Danielle Werkeiser
 - Vice Pres – OPEN
 - Treasurer – Alex Nikas
 - Secretary – Christine Tseng
 - Financial Secretary – Chris Scott
 - At-Large – Kerry Cavalcanto
 - At-Large – OPEN (Maybe YOU!)
 2. The attendees were happy to vote in the new board! Thank you for joining Kerry and Christine!
5. Committee Reports / Planning
 1. After Prom— Jason Werkeiser and Brian House-Kelly did SO MUCH work to help set up and take down! Thanks to Marianne Nikas for joining me on the graveyard shift. The GVMPA Coffeehouse was never full but a lot of kids came to sit a while with each other or work on a puzzle. Biggest seller—regular coffee. Can cut back on treats for next year since so many other rooms at the AfterProm are providing food. Many students requested iced coffee since the school was getting warmer and warmer as the night went on, so it is an idea for next year to provide it.
6. Upcoming Events
 1. String Fest – May 25—Thanks to Eileen and Manisha for scooping water ice at the String Fest. About 300 kids!! Volunteers please arrive at 7:30.
 2. Elementary 4th grade band concert – May 31
 3. Malvern Memorial Day Parade – June 5
 4. Marching Band: Mini-Camp – June 7-9
 5. Graduation – June 10
 6. GVMPA June Membership Meeting – Possibly June 9--vote to approve GVMPA 22-23 budget
7. Discussion of prospective Disney trip next year. Answers likely to be coming soon after this current year music activities are over.
8. Adjournment. The attendees moved and seconded to adjourn.
9. Epilog.
 - a. Report of the Student president of the choir, Samantha Horvath:
The updates from choir are as follows:
 1. With Mrs. Vogel on leave, Mollie Goldman (Student Director of the Choirs) and Samantha (Choirs President) have been asked by Dr. Capetola to run the graduation song rehearsals.
 2. The graduation song was changed, as requested by Dr. Cap, and the music will be arriving this week for the Chamber singers and graduating choir seniors to start learning.
 3. Cozy Cafe event has been canceled due to a lack of time and since Mrs. Vogel is on leave.
 4. The Spring choir concert was a success!!
 5. This week the Chamber Singers have the Fishy Awards—a fun event where everyone receives an award complimenting their personality, character, style, etc.
 6. Our last Chambers event is an end of the year sleepover on June 3rd.

b. Report of the HS Instrumental Music Director, Alex Siwa:

Spring Concerts - Our 2022 spring concert series has concluded! All ensembles in both the instrumental and choral programs did an INCREDIBLE job this year in preparation and performance. Every student showcased their hard work and perseverance this spring; thank you to all the members of the GV music programs (and especially our graduating seniors of the class of 2022!) for a wonderful return to the stage this school year!

String Fest - This Wednesday, May 25th at 7PM in front of GVMS! String fest has been switched to an open-air concert due to facility constraints. We are excited to be able to have this concert outside for the very first time this year! Dress rehearsal information will be given out in class tomorrow to all orchestra members.

- **Students taking the Keystone exams will be excused from the first portion of the dress rehearsal (high school-only from 10AM-10:20AM) and will be expected to move to the middle school as soon as their testing rooms are dismissed for the full orchestra rehearsal around 10:30AM**
- **Students not taking the Keystone exams should plan to arrive at the high school no later than 9:45AM to pick up their equipment (or bring it with them on the bus, which is preferred) and immediately move to the middle school for a brief rehearsal**
- **All students will be dismissed by 11:15AM to their next class**

Marching Band - It's finally marching band season! Our schedule for the next few weeks is packed with marching band events; please see the full schedule (attached) for dates and times for all activities. The most important events include:

- Leadership and Drum Major Meeting - Tuesday, May 24th (6-7PM for all leaders, 7-8PM for drum major candidates)
- Memorial Day Parade rehearsals (all members of the 2021 Marching Patriots - Tuesday/Thursday May 31st and June 2nd, 2:30-4:30PM)
- Malvern Memorial Day Parade - Sunday, June 5th (times and details to be provided at rehearsal)
- **2022 Marching Patriots Information Night - Tuesday, June 7th (no rehearsal, all families asked to attend, marching band meeting 6-7PM in the HS cafeteria)**
- 2022-23 GV Music Program Disney Information Meeting - Tuesday, June 7th (7-8PM following marching band meeting - INITIAL DEPOSIT WILL BE REQUIRED AT THIS TIME - CHECKS PREFERRED FOR PAYMENT - MORE DETAILS TO COME)
- **2022 Marching Patriots Open House Rehearsals - Weds/Thurs June 8th - 9th (6-9PM for all students grades 8-11)**
- **Marching Patriots Registration - OPEN FROM JUNE 7th - 9th - PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE THE END OF REHEARSAL ON THURSDAY, JUNE 9TH!! (Requires signed & completed member contract, which Mr. Siwa will provide at the June 7 Information Night)**