

GVMMPA

General Meeting
May 25, 2021

1. Approval of April minutes—moved and approved.
2. Reports from Officers and Representatives
 1. President report – Danielle Werkeiser
 - a. Memorable and unique year! Grateful for the amazing resilience of the Seniors and student leaders. Impressive morale boosting and perseverance. Best of luck to current Seniors as they graduate and start new adventures. Please visit us. (Come to a mini-camp! Come to a concert!)
 - b. Congratulations to Madeleine Anderson for winning the Doug Wilfert Music Scholarship and to Druv Chandiramani and Rebecca Sternfor winning the GVMMPA Scholarships. It was a very competitive field of outstanding applications!
 - c. Goodbye to Matthew White, Financial Secretary ☹️, whose hard work and dry wit will be missed. (Please come help us anyway, Matt.)
 2. Student officer reports
 - a. Kirsten Ho—Marching Band Hype Camp last week was great. Some grads came back after first year of college to visit, which was great. The greatest number of student musicians came to mini-camp on the last day. Hoping to bring more students to the July mini-camp and continue to spread enthusiasm for marching band. Student Music Leadership applications are due on June 4! Virtual concerts on June 1. PMEA District 12 audition music came out today so students can work on it over the summer to prepare for auditions in the fall.
 - b. Madeleine—Virtual concert is on June 1 (It’s a prospective event worth repeating.) Next year’s GVHS Choir President is Samantha Horvath. Chambers and Senior Choir members will be singing at graduation. Working on Go the Distance, the graduation song. Thanks very much for the Doug Wilfert Scholarship. Very honored.
 3. Treasurer's report – Alex Nikas
 - a. Seniors need to claim the funds in their GVMMPA fundraising accounts. If they do not claim the funds in their student accounts to be spent for any music-related purpose by graduation, the \$\$ becomes a very kind donation to GVMMPA. Alex contacts each student with the most recent email GVMMPA has for the student to remind them, but about \$600 are abandoned on average each year. (GVMMPA thanks forgetful musical Seniors in advance.)
 - b. Alex successfully shared his screen.
 - c. Limited income this year. Some donations. GVMMPA spent \$4,557 more than it raised this year--understandable during the pandemic.
 - d. No GVMMPA expenses forthcoming in June and July.
 - e. The treasurer’s report was moved for approval and immediately thereafter approved.
 - f. Alex shared the 2019-2020 budget, the most recent non-pandemic year budget, as a scaffold for the proposed budget for 2021-2022. May need to raise shack prices because cost for food in bulk has risen. Yammering discussion about the Shack—blah, blah. Alex proposed a 2021-2022 budget for \$10K income from the Shack; average income from Shack is about \$14K, so conservatively underestimating income. The budget will be voted on at the June meeting.
 - g. GVMMPA owns a John Deere vehicle (“the Gator”) used for transporting marching band equipment on/off the field. The battery has died, so Alex delivered the Gator to John Deere maintenance facility to be fixed. Alex proposed the GVMMPA purchase a few accessories--Tool Rack—to hang Jarvis Marching Band Drum Major podium from the rack; and a generator rack for carrying the generator without using bed space.
 - h. Alex wants to present a **parent equipment training session** during the July mini-camp and a session to show the pit musicians how to load the Gator. Alex doesn’t think he can go to every cavalcade next year. ☹️, but we march on!

4. Financial Secretary report – Matthew White—
 - a. Went out to Briar Rose Nursery in Lancaster County to queue up for mums plants in September and holiday poinsettias in December.
 - b. Proposes a car wash fundraiser during band camp at the Real Estate Office on Rt. 30.
 - c. We still have wawa coupons for students to sell. \$4 each for a shortie! The student makes \$1 for each coupon sold, which is revenue is accrued in the student’s account held by GVMPA; the student may use the funds for any music purpose. Concert tix, equipment purchase, Spotify, whatever!
 - d. Matt explained how the students make \$\$ for their music accounts. (See explanation immediately above with the Wawa coupon example.) Matt’s lovely daughter Lizzie used the funds that she earned through GVMPA fundraisers to buy opera tickets at the Kennedy Center. (Nice!) In addition, GVMPA raises money to fund the association, mostly through selling concessions at the snack shack at football games and through raffles and Designer Bag Bingo in the Spring.
 - e. Ashley Vogel, choral music director, GVHS, wanted to ensure that she is getting the newsletters so she can let choir students know about the mums sale right when school starts. All the ordering is online, so students just need to be able to access GVMPA.org.
 5. HS Choir Director report – Ashley Vogel—Ashley was at the meeting but needed to sign off early to attend to family.
 6. HS Instrumental Director report – Sean Cohen
 - a. 2021 Marching Band show working title—**Time Will Tell**. Envisions a Clocktower as one prop because there are bells prominent in the music. **Calling all woodworkers!!**
 - b. Very excited by the May mini-camp. Students were able to play through almost the entire first movement by the end of the camp. Excellent!
 - c. Concert and Symphonic Band—working on graduation performance.
 - d. Jazz Band and Ensemble—worked on Jazz theory and sight reading. Mr. Cohen gives students new music almost every day to work on sight reading and apply skills immediately
 - e. Challenging year—Thanks for the support. Looking forward to graduation music performances.
 7. MS Instrumental report – Adam Search
 - a. Ann’s last GVMPA meeting. Congrats Ann. (Matt will join you for a drink next year on the night of the first GVMPA meeting next year.)
 - b. Adam is proud of Tom for wearing his middle school spirit wear pullover. (Let the record show that I was drinking out of a GVMSTC Music Man mug.)
 - c. Teaching new material is done for the school year. Making lesson plans for next year.
 - d. Adam and Will share some concern for re-building participation and enthusiasm for grades 4-8 instrumental student participation and learning next year and over the next several years. Student instruction and participation restricted to virtual this year, understandably impacted numbers. No performance space in the 5/6 Center, projected for completion and occupancy in 2024, isn’t very encouraging.
 8. Elementary Instrumental report – Will Shafer—Will wasn’t at the meeting.
3. Unfinished Business—None! All the business has been done. (Except for selling all of the GVMPA stadium seat cushions. That ever-elusive goal is still pending.)
 4. New Business
 1. 2021-22 GVMPA Executive Board Vote—the Board was approved by the members of the Association present. (Come to the meetings! Voting is fun!)

President—Danielle Werkeiser
 Vice-President—Laura House-Kelly
 Treasurer—Alex Nikas
 Secretary—Suzanne Parent Goldman
 Financial Secretary—Tom DeTulleo
 Member-at-Large—Tara Brooks
 Member-at-Large—Chris Scott

2. Welcome to the GVMPA Executive Board Chris Scott!—Chris told the group that this school year he was the Co-Treasurer of the KD Markley PTO. Chris is Dad to a rising freshman in Marching Band and incoming 6th grader in middle school band.

5. Committee Reports / Planning

1. Scholarships—Done! Congratulations to Madeleine, Druv, and Rebecca. Looking forward to next year.
2. Newsletter –Laura House-Kelly and Keet Leibowitz are working on the quarterly GVMPA Newsletter. Stephanie Hamilton has joined the newsletter staff since Jen Anderson must leave GVMPA 😞, as Madeleine graduates. Kerry Cavalcanto, mom of a rising Freshman and a 6th grader, will also participate in producing a quarterly newsletter.

6. Upcoming Events

1. Spring Virtual Music Concert Stream – June 1, 2021
2. Graduation – June 4, 2021
3. Marching Band: Mini-Camp – July 13-15, 2021
4. Marching Band Camp – August 9-20, 2021

7. Adjournment—moved and approved! Good Night and have a pleasant tomorrow.