

# GVMPA

Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2023

## In attendance:

Kerry Cavalcanto, Alex Nikas, Eileen O'Malley, Chris Scott, Christine Tseng,  
Danielle Werkeiser, Vijaya Vissapragada, Katie Domizio, Alex Siwa,  
Julie McGirl, Ashwini Verabati, Minal Parikh

1. Approval of March 2023 meeting minutes—moved and approved

2. Reports from Officers and Representatives

a. President's Report – Danielle Werkeiser

-- Thank you to all for helping to make 2023 Designer Bag Bingo a success (pre-sales were higher than 2022; many attendees/winners of all ages)

-- Drama Guild performances begin this week (4/29-4/30)

-- Many music festivals for our GV music students recently (Schuylkill Honors Band, PMEAs)

**ACTION: Kerry to send out newsletter highlighting these spring music events, as well as 2023 Indoor Percussion and Indoor Color Guard (ICG) seasons**

b. Student/ISC Officers' Reports – Sophia Nikas, David Ruccius, Justin Titus

-- Not present at this meeting

c. Treasurer's Report – Alex Nikas

-- Just under \$6,300 made from 2023 Designer Bag Bingo (3/31)

-- Need to increase merch sales to move previous as well as new inventory

-- Will raffle off four tickets to May 13<sup>th</sup> Philadelphia Orchestra concert at 5/4 MS Instrumental Concert (instead of usual 50/50 raffle)

-- Still to be paid: ICG and Indoor Percussion Staff (Alex N. needs more information from Bridge/Peter)

-- Under "Office Expenses" line item: cost of CutTime subscription; Alex S. still waiting for invoice from CutTime reps to look over before committing

-- Treasurer's Report approved

**ACTION: Alex N. to get information from Bridge/Peter to pay their staff**

**ACTION: Alex S. to pursue ICG and Indoor Perc students who have **outstanding payments**; last resort is Alex S. can place obligations on their accounts**

ACTION: Alex N. to remind Seniors about their fundraising money in Charms

d. Financial Secretary's Report – Chris Scott

-- Next music fundraiser will be in the Fall (Mums Sale)

ACTION: Chris to create a FAQ sheet to better inform parents about Raise Right

-- On-the-shelf fundraisers: Coffee sale & possible 10% Proceeds Nights (at Chickie's & Pete's/Capriotti's); delay Proceed Nights since many organizations are having them right now

e. Elementary Instrumental Director Report – Danielle (for Will Shafer)

-- Not present at this meeting, sent report via Danielle  
-- Three spring concerts coming up: 5/16, 5/17, 5/18  
-- All is going well at all the elementary schools

f. MS Instrumental Director's Report – Adam Search

-- Not present at this meeting  
-- Alex Nikas: shared summary of School Board's proposal to change MS music program schedule

- School Board will offer a revised proposal at the 5/15 School Board meeting (GVHS auditorium)
- All GV music families are asked to attend to listen and offer responses
- Idea was discussed for 5/15 School Board Meeting: share excerpts from past and recent GVMPA music scholarship applications, have some music students speak?
- **Clarification--purpose of School Board's proposal is not to cut music funds, but to cut TIME for music/arts program at GVMS; these changes would have a ripple effect throughout District, including music at GVHS**

ACTION: GVMPA Board to help make GV music parents aware of proposed changes to music at GVMS and eventually to music at the 5/6 Center

g. HS Choral Director's Report – Katie Domizio

-- Recent Choral State Conferences  
-- Chamber Auditions coming up on 5/4 and 5/5  
-- 5/18 Choral Concert-- Katie feels confident that it will be a success!  
-- New Choir Leadership to be elected soon

h. HS Instrumental Director's Report – Alex Siwa

1) GV Marching Band/Marching Patriots (GVMP):

- GVMP leadership applications were made available at the Indoor Percussion Send-Off; applications are due by 5/9
- Mandatory Leadership Meeting for all GVMP leadership applicants will be on 5/1
- 2023-2024 GV Marching Band Leadership will be announced on 5/16
- 6/6 thru 6/8 (after school): GVMP Season Opening Camp for students
- 6/8 (7:30pm): Mandatory GVMP Parent Meeting
- 6/10 or 6/11: GVMP Families Social (current and potential marching band families); to provide more information to families and help recruit volunteers for 2023-2024 season

**ACTION: Alex S. is working on GVMP Q&A sheet to be distributed to current 8<sup>th</sup> grade music students**

2) Instrumental Student Council (ISC)

- 2023-2024 ISC applications will be available 1-2 weeks before the end of this school year

3) Tri-M (nationally recognized, student-led music honors society)

- GV Tri-M chapter to be initiated at GVHS at the end of this school year

3. Unfinished Business

Open Board Positions—a couple positions available; if anyone has questions, feel free to ask a Board member

4. Committee Reports / Planning

a. GVMPA Senior Scholarships: three winners have been selected; very encouraging essays/write-ups (GVMPA Board will forward applications to Katie and Alex S.)

b. After-Prom Coffee House: volunteer sign up is on GVMPA Web site

c. Upcoming GV Music Concerts

- 4/29-30: GVHS Musical
- 5/4: GVMS Instrumental Concert
- 5/16: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrumental Concert
- 5/17: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrumental Concert
- 5/18: Elementary Orchestra Concert
- 5/18: GVHS Choral Concert

- 5/22: GVHS Instrumental Concert
- 5/23: StringFest

d. Volunteers needed

- GV music merch tables at upcoming concerts--sign up is on GVMPA Web site (NO merch table at HS Musical [4/29-4/30])
- 2 volunteers for merch table needed for elementary concerts (5/16, 5/17, 5/18)
- 4 volunteers needed for merch table for GVMS Instrumental Concert (5/4), HS Choral Concert (5/18), and StringFest (5/23)
- Water ice servers also needed for StringFest (possibly GVHS music students? Can earn volunteer hours)

5. Adjournment