

# GVMPA

Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2023

## In attendance:

Kerry Cavalcanto, Alex Nikas, Eileen O'Malley, Chris Scott, Christine Tseng,  
Danielle Werkeiser, Vijaya Vissapragada, Katie Domizio, Alex Siwa,  
David Ruccius (for report), Justin Titus (for report)

1. Approval of November 2023 meeting minutes—moved and approved
2. Reports from Officers and Representatives
  - a. President's Report – Danielle Werkeiser
  - b. ISC Officers' Reports
    1. Justin Titus (Orchestra/Indoor Color Guard [ICG])
      - ICG had last competition this past Saturday (3/25) and placed 2<sup>nd</sup>
      - ICG preparing now for TIA Regional Competition in May (Wildwood, NJ)
      - GVHS students will have their own chapter of Tri-M—music honors society—by next year
    2. David Ruccius (Band/Indoor Percussion)
      - Indoor Percussion has pre-lims competition this Saturday (4/1)
      - Indoor Perc finished practicing entire show program this past week
      - Band has started combined rehearsals; concerts coming up (Instrumental Concert on 5/23)
  - c. Treasurer's Report – Alex Nikas
    - \$3,300 in sales for Designer Bag Bingo as of today (3/28)
    - Recently paid: Indoor Perc staff, GVMP ambulance repair bill
    - Still to be paid: ICG Staff (need more information from Bridge)
    - Treasurer's Report approved

**ACTION: Alex Nikas to get information from Bridge to pay ICG Staff**
  - d. Financial Secretary's Report – Chris Scott
    - RaiseRight & Wawa fundraisers—big sales recently; still need to promote them more

**ACTION: Danielle to mention Raise Right at DBB**

**ACTION: Kerry to create fundraiser-focused newsletter and promote via FB**

    - Upcoming Fall 2023 Fundraisers: Coffee sale & possible 10% Proceeds Nights (at Chickie's & Pete's/Capriotti's)

e. HS Choral Director Report – Katie Domizio

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade recruiting: currently trying to recruit at GVMS for Chorale
- GVHS Info Night: successful turnout with 70 participants on zoom
- GVHS Drama Guild: Katie has been helping them a little recently; she noticed many students there should be in Choir!
- Tri-M: GVHS will have chapter of this music honors society next year; easy for students to apply to; student-run with one advisor
- HS Choir: just sang National Anthem at Wizards game; will sing National Anthem at GVHS Varsity baseball game; Katie has submitted videos of Choir to apply to sing at Phillies game
- GVHS Spring Showcase: Katie will be meeting with Jessica Stanhagen (art) to coordinate the art displays and food with musical performances
- Katie's Maternity leave: Katie will be starting the 2023-2024 school year, but will take leave September 2023 through January 2024
- Possible celebration of the arts night?: Katie proposed idea to Board for this kind of event in the future

f. HS Instrumental Director's Report – Alex Siwa

- Aims to promote music fundraisers more
- Regional/District PMEA Festivals are done (one student from every ensemble made States!)
- PMEA State Festival will be on 4/20-4/22
- Alex is currently discussing with District Office to find out where money for GVHS music can come from and how we can spend it
- GV Marching Band: after Spring Break, Alex will provide more information about next season; new show and show schedule has been finalized

g. Middle School Instrumental Director Report – Adam Search

- NOT PRESENT at this meeting

h. Elementary Instrumental Director Report – Will Shafer

- NOT PRESENT at this meeting

3. Unfinished Business

- a. Open Board positions – not discussed

4. New Business

- a. Charms Renewal: current Charms subscription expires on 6/9/23; Alex Siwa and Dave Ruchzak want to switch to CutTime at similar cost as Charms (~\$900 for 3 years)

**ACTION: Eileen O'Malley and Kerry Cavalcanto to discuss with Alex Siwa how he and Dave Ruchzak want to use CutTime**

**ACTION:** Alex Nikas to wind down use of Charms

b. 5/6 Center & 7/8 Schedule Update from School Board Meeting: Board is proposing to cut rehearsal time for GVMS music ensembles in order to add more time for core classes; all music classes will be ELECTIVES (2x per six-day cycle); will result in breaking up of music ensembles; music lessons would not be given during school hours/reliance on private music lessons; this topic will resurface at 5/15 School Board Meeting

**ACTION:** GVMPA Board Members and Membership should attend the 5/15 School Board Meeting

**ACTION:** GVMPA to create our talking points about this topic and for the 5/15 School Board Meeting

c. Senior Funds: Not discussed

## 5. Committee Reports / Planning

a. Designer Bag Bingo (3/31): planning almost complete; Jazz duo (Connor Colucci & Garrett Thomas) to perform; 5:30pm set up

b. Scholarships: applications were due yesterday (3/27); need application reviewer volunteers (virtual); scholarship reception will be at the end of May

c. Jr. After Prom: not discussed

d. Concerts:

- 4/18: GVMS Choir Concert
- 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: StringFest
- 5/23: GVHS Instrumental Concert

e. Volunteers:

- 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 (5/22)
- Water ice servers also needed for StringFest

ACTION: Danielle and Hunter will staff merch table for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrumental Concert (5/16)

ACTION: Christine to create volunteer sign-ups for concerts

6. Adjournment