

GVMMPA

Meeting Minutes – August 29, 2023, 7 PM

In attendance:

Danielle Werkeiser, Kerry Cavalcanto, Eileen O'Malley, Vijaya Vissapragada Parakala, Chris Scott, Christine Tseng, Christine Dragoun, Cindy Lighton, Rose Milani, Jared Shetler (Katie D's longterm sub)

1. Approval of June 2023 meeting minutes – moved and approved
2. Reports from Officers and Representatives
 - a. President's report – Danielle Werkheiser
 - Great band camp; thank you to all volunteers
 - All football game tickets will be digital this season
 - b. Treasurer's report – Eileen O'Malley
 - Not much yet; concessions hope to bring in as much income as last year
 - Recent expenses: drum major camp, gator and trailer registration, show shirts
 - Malvern Bank is being acquired by First Bank, cut over 9/8
 - Have already received some sponsorship donations; will start Annual Appeal ASAP
 - New/replacements needed for some Shack items (registration, renovations) – already in budget
 - Treasurer's report approved
 - c. Financial Secretary report
 - Discussed fundraisers – mums, coffee, poinsettias
 - Mums sale launched, sales close 9/7, pick-up 9/16 at high school; nursery will deliver
 - Sign-up for volunteers on 9/16
 - Money for student sales will go into Cut Time
 - !!Directors need to assign students to band/choir in order to appear in Cut Time!!
 - d. MP Student Leader Report – *not present*
 - e. HS Instrumental Director Report – Alex Siwa (*not present; scheduling conflict*)
 - f. HS Choir Director Report – Jared Shetler (Katie D's longterm sub)
 - Learning the ropes, looking forward to the semester
 - g. MS Instrumental Director Report – Adam Search (*not present*)
 - h. Elementary Instrumental Director Report – Will Shafer (*not present*)
3. Unfinished Business
 - a. Vacant Executive Board Positions
 - Secretary
 - At-Large
 - b. Schedule Changes at 5/6 Center & Middle School; some board members met with Dr. Goffredo

to express concerns/opinions about the music program:

- Reiterated need for band to start in 4th grade
- Parents should not be responsible for instrument lessons
- GV is a district with a reputation for a strong music/band/marching program, highly respected
- A good idea would be use 4th grade for simple instruction/instrument care
- Having the kids meet before school to practice with other elementary schools (as was done successfully in the past) will help with the transition to 5/6
- Board would like to meet with Dr. G again
- Waiting to hear when there will be a “larger update” on the music program; will encourage all music families to attend and spread the word

4. New Business

- a. Vibraphone – Peter and Alex want to purchase a used vibraphone, old one not repairable; found a good used one for \$2600 (brand new \$5k); led to a discussion on a new instrument replacement program that is in the works, some instruments are 20 yrs old
 - Approved to purchase
 - Inquiry: Why doesn't school help music students with instruments? Funds?
- b. Alternate PE credit – Indoor guard gets PE cred, indoor perc does not – why?
 - Christine Dragoun has inquired already, will follow up

5. Committee Reports / Planning

- a. Shack
 - Friday 9/1 first home game
 - Sandi Hetzel is taking the lead on sodas
 - Restaurant Depot will continue to handle burgers and fries
 - BJs candy prices are better than R.D.
 - Shack inspection due at the end of Sept.
- b. Volunteers: Always a critical need year-round, not just for marching band
 - Marching band
 - Indoor Programs
 - Designer Bag Bingo
 - String Fest water ice
 - Swag tables at concerts
- c. Website: updates, upload pictures from games, newsletters (trying to be more consistent)
- d. Spiritwear
 - New sizes will be stocked for Friday
 - Had a good run of sales in the Spring
 - Need new pics of spiritwear for the website
 - Wear GV swag to games
 - Show shirts coming soon
- e. Designer Bag Bingo: suggestions for some different bags this year (high-quality backpack/hiking backpack)

f. Save the Date! Marching Band Banquet on Nov. 19 in the evening

6. Upcoming Events and Key Activities

- Friday 9/1 FG vs. West Chester East
- Friday 9/8 FG vs. Sun Valley (AWAY)
- Saturday 9/9 Exhibition @ Upper Dublin
- Thursday 9/14 FG vs. Oxford
- Saturday 9/16 MUMS distribution @ GVHS
- Saturday 9/16 COMP @ Council Rock North
- Saturday 9/23 COMP @ Quakertown
- Tuesday 9/26 GVMPA Membership Meeting
- Friday 9/29 FG vs. Bishop Shanahan (AWAY)
- Friday 10/6 FG vs. Henderson
- Saturday 10/7 COMP @ Marple Newtown
- Friday 10/13 FG vs. Unionville
- Friday 10/20 FG vs. Rustin
- Saturday 10/21 PA State Championship COMP @ Downingtown West HS
- Tuesday 10/24 GVMPA Membership Meeting
- Friday 10/27 FG vs. Kennett

7. Adjournment at 8:20 PM