

GVMPA

Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2023, 7 PM

In attendance:

Danielle Werkeiser, Kerry Cavalcanto, Eileen O'Malley, Vijaya Vissapragada Parakala, Eileen Colucci, Ellen Schadl, Joy Deminski, Katie Domizio

1. Approval of May 2023 meeting minutes – moved and approved
2. Reports from Officers and Representatives
 - a. Student officer report – *Graduated; not in attendance*
 - b. President's report
 - Thank you once again to Alex & Christine for their time on the board. They officially leave on June 30th
 - Welcome to Vijaya; she officially joins on July 1 as a Member-at-Large
 - Since the last meeting
 - Graduation
 - Malvern Memorial Day Parade – always a great performance for the community
 - Officially no longer have the Charms platform to communicate and track the students' fundraising funds. We are transitioning to Cut Time. Keep an eye out for communication from the directors on setting up your student's account
 - c. Treasurer's report – Eileen O'Malley
 - Income exceeded budget due to higher than expected Shack sales and donations; expenses were significantly lower
 - Ended the year just under \$22K net
 - Budget report approved
 - d. Financial Secretary report
 - Discussed mums sale for the Fall; launch early; sale coincides with an Indian festival, suggestion to choose complementary colors (white, yellow, red)
 - Planning to launch poinsettia and coffee sales earlier
 - Possible Dine & Donate event(s)
 - e. HS Choir Director Report – Katie Domizio
 - May concerts all went well, awards presented
 - Disappointed that Chambers & Seniors performances were cut short at Graduation; will work to ensure this does not happen next year
 - Focusing on the future of the choir program; starting a Tri-M National Music Honor Society chapter at GVHS, student-led; will replace ISC
 - Katie will start school year in August, then be on maternity leave in the Fall
 - f. HS Instrumental Director Report (*not present; scheduling conflict*)
 - g. MS Instrumental Director Report (*not present; scheduling conflict; Danielle reported*)
 - End of school year wrap up going well
 - The 2024-25 5/6 center and 7/8 (Middle School) schedules continue to evolve. The

current middle school music teachers have been and are a part of the process

- The 5th grade (rising 6th grade) numbers have improved
- Looking forward to Summer

h. Elementary Instrumental Director Report – Joy Deminski

- Great Spring concerts, band and orchestra
- Strings: 100 students in 4th grade (highest number in 16 years!), 60 in 5th grade
- Joy feels good about the program moving forward
- Both Katie and Joy feel the need for ALL GV Music dept teachers to get together during in-service days and sent request to DO for next school year, preferably in the Fall
- Discussed their biggest challenge as being communication, with the parents, students and district; constantly searching for better answers
- Preparing a stance/position for the future of the band/instrumental program for 5/6 and 7/8 grades

3. Unfinished Business

- a. Schedule Changes – 5/6 Center & Middle School; boards plans to meet with Dr. Goffredo in early summer
- b. Vacant Executive Board Positions
 - Secretary
 - At-Large

4. New Business

- a. 2023-2024 Budget Review:
 - Gator & Trailer expense increase due to maintenance, registration, gas
 - Increased concert income based on pre-pandemic numbers
 - Increased in fundraising income, possible car wash, dine & donate, etc.
 - Currently 5 home games, budgeting \$4.5K gross per game from Shack concessions
 - Potential higher expense for Cut-Time program
- b. Budget approved

5. Committee Reports / Planning

- a. Shack
 - Need to be inspected before 9/1
 - Will need to get a new food handler cert
 - As mentioned before the JR Patriots' parents have reached out to help once again
- a. 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
- b. Christine Tseng has started to create the SignUp genius for next school year

6. Upcoming Events and Key Activities

- GV School Board Meeting – July 17 @ General Wayne

- June 13-14 – Percussion only mini-camp (option 1) **
- June 20 & 22 – Color Guard only mini-camp (option 1) **
- July 11-12 - Percussion only mini-camp (option 2) **
- July 11 & 13 - Color Guard only mini-camp (option 2) **
- July 31 – Marching Band New Member Day
- August 1-3 Marching Band mini-camp
- August 7 – 11 – Marching Band Camp (week 1)
- August 14 – 18 – Marching Band Camp (week 2)
- August 25 – Away Football Game (Phoenixville)
- August ?? – Shack Attack (date TBA)

7. Adjournment at 8:15 PM