

GVMPA September Membership Meeting

Minutes – September 26, 2023

Attendance: Cindy Lighton, Danielle Werkheiser, Kerry Cavalcanto, Eileen O'Malley, Chris Scott, Vijaya Parakala, Lila Dibble (student rep)

1. August minutes approved
2. Reports from Officers and Representatives
 1. President report
 - From Will Shafer: 5th grade instrument lessons started today
 2. Student officer reports
 - From Lila Dibble: show at Quakertown canceled but allowed for more practice; working hard, getting excited for shows; states on Oct. 21; thanked volunteers for snacks during competitions
 - Concert band, jazz band progressing well
 - GV will host Jazz in the Valley 2/16/24
 3. Treasurer's report
 - Donations from annual appeal starting to come in
 - Shacks concessions running lower than expected, not great weather for one game; pre-purchased some candy to be sold throughout the season
 - Bought vibraphone
 - Still inquiring about district support for instruments
 - Bought show shirts, banquet deposit
 - Will be adding mums credit in Cut Time, just marching band; choir and band students need to be added by teachers
 - Working to get cage for propane tanks, \$800
 - Treasurer's report approved
 4. Financial Secretary report
 - Mums sales totaled \$3124; \$1528 in credits to 29 students
 - Having the nursery delivered was great
 - Next fundraiser coffee and poinsettias; coffee vendor offered other options -> cookie dough bits? K-cups? Will launch in Nov.
 - Other fundraisers: indoor guard -> candy sale did well but did not involve other music program students or GVMPA; open to all this year?
 - Remind families about Wawa hoagie coupons too
 - Marching band approached the board about a mattress sale; very successful history, done at Phoenixville a few years ago. One day of work, very little for us to do, will get more info
 - Need a better way communicate these fundraisers to the students so they can raise money for trips; job of the dept heads, need to have Alex and Jared (Katie) share more
 - Cindy L: Asked why the delay in adding students to Cut Time; parents don't have access to class lists, only teachers can add students through Skyward
 5. HS Choir Director report – N/A
 6. HS Instrumental Director report – N/A
 7. MS Instrumental report – N/A

8. Elementary Instrumental Report – from Will Shafer, will learn more about the 5/6 center music program soon
3. Unfinished Business
 1. Open Board Positions
 - Still in need of a secretary and member-at-large
 2. Elementary & 5/6 music program
 - Not a lot of info, Dr. G says he knows he needs to address the music program; agenda for curriculum committee meeting on 9/11 changed, not addressed;
 - Next meeting: Oct. 9 at 5:30pm GW/virtual
4. New Business
 1. Senior Night – Oct. 27, student will give bouquets to parents at half-time; need parent volunteer to coordinate flowers
 2. WCU donated 3 new baritones; GVMPA will donate to WCU to help fund their trip the Rose Parade
 3. Christine Dragoun is working with Peter to allow indoor percussion to count for alternate PE credit
5. Committee Reports / Planning
 1. Shack – inspection due; currently no one is working the EW district; Danielle has reached out to Chester County; they want to do an inspection during a football game, not many games left; need to be prepared
 - Looking for a band parent to take over running the Shack next year
 - Oct. 6 -> Junior patriots get a free hot dog
 - Oct. 27 -> Senior Night AND middle school night; Siwa asked for GVMPA to donate something for the kids, hot dog is the easiest
 2. Website/Newsletter – send pics or info to share; having the Google photo album for people to add to has been great!
 3. Annual Appeal - ongoing
 4. Volunteers – all opportunities on the SUG
 5. Marching Band Banquet – save the date, Nov. 19, evening
 6. Designer Bag Bingo – need to pick a date, form a committee
6. Upcoming Events
 1. Friday 9/29 FG vs. Bishop Shanahan (AWAY)
 2. Friday 10/6 FG vs. Henderson
 3. Saturday 10/7 COMP @ Marple Newtown
 4. Friday 10/13 FG vs. Unionville
 5. Friday 10/20 FG vs. Rustin
 6. Saturday 10/21 PA State Championship COMP @ Downingtown West HS
 7. Tuesday 10/24 GVMPA Membership Meeting
 8. Friday 10/27 FG vs. Kennett
 9. Sunday, 11/19 Marching Band Banquet
7. Adjournment 8:15 PM