

GVMPA Meeting
October 4, 2018

It was moved to approve the September meeting minutes, seconded and so approved.

Treasurer's report--Mr Nikas summarized the financial report, which is posted to GVMPA website. Mr. White moved to approve the treasurer's report; the GVMPA secretary seconded; the report was approved.

Financial Secretary Report--

Mums fundraiser was a success. The students netted \$2899.85! A large percentage was from two individual sales. The students earn 100% of the proceeds of all student fundraisers for deposit into their student music accounts to be used for any music-related purpose, including music trip next year! One student in particular sold enough mums to pay for half of her trip next year!

Wawa coupon order due on October 15.

Unfinished Business--

Music Dept Orientation Night--Mr Cohen and GVMPA would like to do it, but the music dept is very busy and Mr. Cohen is still becoming oriented to the many facets of his new job. Great idea for next year!

New fundraising idea? Mr. DeTulleo would be over the moon for GVMPA to take on a fundraiser with a \$25,000 goal. An idea is brewing for this year or next--perhaps a Christmas tree sale (trees, stands, etc.), coupled with our GVMPA poinsettia sale, and with sales of hot chocolate and French fries and music from GVHS singers and musicians! Wholesale trees cost \$15-25; GVMPA could sell for \$40. There are many factors to consider--enough volunteers, approval for space, risk of adverse weather, advertising, customers. Any other ideas? Keep 'em coming!

Perpetual plaques. Was a project/dream of our past instrumental director Matt Ceresini. It's still a project the GVMPA would like to carry out.

Still seeking opportunities for student musicians and singers to perform with university musicians or singers and with professional musicians as well. "Side-by-side events." Mr. Cohen welcomes any ideas for such opportunities that anyone may be aware of.

New Business--

Designer Bag Bingo is scheduled for April 5 in the cafeteria at the HS!!

At-Large positions--the executive committee seeks to amend the by laws to expand the executive committee with two at-large positions to take on special projects and otherwise participate on the Exec Committee. In the coming month, the exec committee projects to propose an amendment and seek the collective vote of the entire association at a GVMPA meeting. (Watch the GVMPA website for more!)

MS initiatives--

The GVMS music teachers joined the most recent exec committee meeting to float and discuss ideas. Facilitate parent reps to attend GVMPA meeting as a liaison to the MS. Assist with financial flexibility for buying polo shirts for extramural performances, such as Hershey Music in the Parks festival; cost share for much-needed large practice instruments; assist financial organizing for PMEA String fest. The executive committee is delighted to work more closely with the MS music teachers.

Elementary advocacy--GVMPA may advocate on behalf of elementary music teachers. The Charlestown music teacher was reassigned to teach STEAM (science technology engineering arts math) for half of her job. To cover the one-half music teacher loss, the music teachers from the other elementary schools are traveling from one school to another during the school day. Although all of the elementary music teachers are doing their best to cope, and then some, elementary sectionals must be larger groups and there is insufficient resources to provide sectionals for one type of instrument at a time (so elementary students playing any instrument could be in the same sectional with any other instrument) resulting in less instrument instruction received by the students.

Report of Student Representative--Seth Shuck reported that marching band is doing a "maze"ing! Seth is enjoying his current music classes including guitar and AP music theory and finds the students are very cooperative and supportive of each other.

Report of the Instrumental Music director--Sean Cohen reported that PMEA auditions will be in November; students in grade 10-12 are eligible. Morning rehearsals are underway; attendance is high. Classroom-- getting to understand where the kids are and how to make everyone challenged and successful. Planning for Jazz Band competitions as the year goes on. Marching Band--doing well at cavalcades. Finishing up learning the show and incorporating props. The Marching Band needs help from parents for handling/moving the props. Parents are encouraged to get clearances so they can participate with the marching band, or any of the ensembles, throughout the school year whenever available. Cool fundraising ideas.

Formal wear--symphony orchestra and chamber singers will begin fittings in the next several weeks. Rental fee is \$15.

Discussed possibility of a midseason uniform cleaning for the marching band. Dependent on scheduling.

Indoor percussion competition--GVMPA is exploring how it can help this fledgling competitive music program get started at Great Valley.

Shack report--Danielle Werkeiser reported that the shack passed inspection; the fryers may need cleaning. Eric Aho, past GVMPA president and lead for the shack, is retiring from running the shack at the end of this season. GVMPA could really use another person or two to assist with managing the shack. Shack attack clean up scheduled for October 22. Marching Band will be at rehearsal, so come on over and help clean up the shack to prepare it for closing for winter.

Volunteers--Tom thanked the parents for all the volunteering, which has been exceptional overall this season so far! Everything every person does is so very helpful.

Next meeting--projected for Monday November 5.

Mr. White moved to close the meeting; it was so adjourned.