

GVMPA

Membership Meeting

December 9, 2019

In attendance—Tom DeTulleo, Danielle Werkeiser, Laura HouseKelly, Brian HouseKelly, Ellen Spiegel, Jennifer Armstrong, Heather Horvath, Mark King. Exec committee members not present: Alex (on travel in Parsippany), Matthew (under the weather—feel better, Matthew), Julie

1. Approval of November minutes—Approved
2. Reports from Officers and Representatives
 1. Student officer reports – Katelyn DePaula—Instrumental student council is working in the perpetual plaques. Fantastic. Shopping for plaques with local engraving. Tom asked for an email from the Instrumental Student Council with the budget for the perpetual plaques so GVMPA can approve the expenditure. Competition jazz band—will meet in January and compete around the circuit. Disney rehearsal great today, despite rain, and Christmas on King was a fantastic evening (we agree!). Jack Schadl, President of the Choir, attended the meeting a bit later.
 2. President report – Tom DeTulleo—emphasized Ashley’s announcement that 13 singers is a record for GVHS for successfully auditioning for PMEA District Choir! Excellent!
 3. Treasurer's report – Alex Nikas—Report delivered by Tom in Alex’s absence. Great revenue brought in this year by operating the shack. Merchandise is in inventory, ready to sell. MB Banquet number is final. The report was approved by the Association. See report uploaded to GVMPA website separately.
 4. Financial Secretary report – Matthew White—Danielle reported for Matthew. Poinsettia fundraiser required only one trip to the grower. All plants fit in the trailer. Distribution to students was complete by 10:30. New fundraiser idea—babysitting for a parents night out.
 5. HS Choir Director Report – Ashley Vogel—CEO of URBN (Urban Outfitters) offered the GVHS Chamber Singers to sing at business holiday party but the singers aren’t available—the event is scheduled during the Disney trip! 😞 13 students successful in district choir competition—a new record. Students have learned at least 40 songs with the Disney repertoire. Chamber singers scheduled for an elementary school tour on Thursday, where they will perform a duet with 5th graders. For the future—the HS music program is interested in a piano purchase. Piano in auditorium is too small for the room. Need a new, bigger piano. Discussion of brands: Yamaha, good; Boston, better; Steinway, best. Fundraiser idea: Donations to “buy” a key for the HS? Cover for the current auditorium is ripped, so it needs replacement. Sound system in auditorium needs replacement.
 6. HS Instrumental Director Report – Sean Cohen. Sean took the night off. Excellent and appropriate.
3. Unfinished Business—Instrumental student leaders are working on the perpetual plaques project! Hooray!
4. New Business
5. Committee Reports / Planning
 1. Shack—great season. Subgroup of the Exec Committee met to discuss options for service efficiency and new snacks to sell.
 2. Banquet—it was great to have the event on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Christine Tseng made fantastic centerpieces (on an even more fantastic budget!); Ellen Spiegel lead the effort to fund, order, and prepare transportation for the cake. Well-oiled procedures. Minor AV hiccups, but

otherwise absolutely fabulous. Video was very touching.

3. Fundraising – Donations, Scrip, WaWa, Raffle. Anyone interested in Scrip order for the holidays should contact Tom or Matt pronto. Scrip Cards will be delivered to drop box outside the music office. We've decided to retire 50/50 game as fundraising vehicle at the concerts. Initiating a suggested \$5 donation, or any amount, for families. Launching at tomorrow's HS concert.
 4. Website—building pages for indoor perc, indoor guard, chambers, chorale.
 5. Communications—newsletter is going to happen, says Laura.
 6. Merchandise—Tom was supposed to buy GV music mugs for purchase, but with the oodles of GVMPA items he regularly juggles, it slipped his mind. Heather has strong feelings about appropriate mugs and may consult on Tom's design.
 7. Disney—Parents attending twilight concert, please arrive one hour in advance. Discussion of live streaming. Tom is considering doing it. Some members indicated that they need the link to Remind to be re-sent.
 8. Volunteers—no current needs. Will need for indoor perc and for designer bag bingo.
 9. Indoor percussion—first practice tonight. Will rely on parents for transport. Shorter season, ends on April 4. Similar number of students participating as last year, about 22.
 10. After-Prom—GVMPA will provide egg sandwiches and music dance party/karaoke. In a sectioned area of the after-prom.
 11. Designer Bag Bingo – May 2 (Saturday). Committees in winter to get it coordinated. We have the bags!
 12. Executive Committee—January committee to recruit for the Executive Committee for next year. April proposed committee; vote in May; June baton pass to the 2020-2021 Exec Committee.
6. Upcoming Events and Key Activities
1. Tuesday, December 10 – HS Concert—combined concert. Performance schedule trades off between instrumental and choral.
 2. Wednesday, December 11 – ES Concert
 3. Thursday, December 12 – MS Choral Concert
 4. Wednesday, December 18 – Sunday, December 22 – Disney Trip
 5. Thursday, January 9 – MS Instrumental Concert
 6. Tuesday, February 4 – Jazz in the Valley Concert
 7. Wednesday, April 1 – Proposed Membership Meeting
7. Adjournment—moved and approved.