

GVMPA

Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2025

Online Meeting Attendance: Danielle Werkeiser, Cindy Lighton, Meenakshi Krishnamurthy, Alicia Tran, Christine Dragoun, Brenda Thorpe, and Cristin Burke

1. Approval of September minutes—moved and approve by Christine Dragoun and second by everyone on Zoom

2. Reports from Officers and Representatives

a. President's Report – Danielle Werkeiser

--Danielle explained the Marching Band trailer will be getting serviced and inspected. She also mentioned that we'll start thinking about when to have the Spring Designer Bag Bingo fundraiser. It was also mentioned that Joy Diminski is on the hiring board as they search for a Choir teacher for the 5/6 Center. Danielle also confirmed that the Marching Band banquet will be November 23rd at the Downingtown Country Club.

b. Treasurer's Report – Meenakshi Krishnamurthy

--Meenakshi explained this month's budget sheet

--We lost money (\$1500) when we hosted the Marching Band competition, but were told that would happen with it being our first one; we made a decent amount on the ticket sales, candy grams, bracelet/charms, and air grams

--Treasurer Report—moved and approved

c. Tri-M report– Varun Kartick

--Tri-M volunteers will sign up anything (concerts, events, etc.) via GVMPA'S sign-up geniuses online

--Tri-M is hosting two events this year, a return of the Valley Vibes on February 6th from 3-5pm; it's a fundraiser pop-up coffee shop/bake sale and a Tri-M recital on May 28th from 5-7pm

--We would truly appreciate it if anyone had any community contacts that are in need of live music, whether a small business or festival, Tri-M is

looking for volunteer performances, so if anyone has any ideas just let me know.

--If anyone has any suggestions or requests that we as a musical student body could achieve, please let us know; we'd be happy to help!

d. Financial Secretary's Report – Open Position

--Mums sale went well; all the proceeds went towards the band students

e. HS Choir Director Report—absent—Katie Domizio gave report via email

--Choir has been working on winter concert music with Mr. Gregorio, my student teacher. A lot of the drama guild kids know him already from his work with them during the musicals the past two years. He's been great!

--Chambers Singers has performed the National Anthem at a GVHS football game, as well as the US Bands competition we hosted. They're also performing at this Friday's game, as well as the October 24th game. We love showcasing our singers to the GV community.

--We have eight singers registered to represent Great Valley and the West Chester University High School Honor Choir Festival on October 3rd. Our students will get to sing with other choir singers from the surrounding area, perform with the WCU Concert Choir, and participate in vocal workshops with Dr. Kimberly Dunn Adams, the head of the choral department at WCU. It will be a great experience for them!

--We also have thirteen students who will be auditioning for PMEA District Choir this coming November.

f. HS Instrumental Director report—Alex Siwa

--Thank you to everyone for helping out with the Marching in the Valley competition. It was much appreciated! We intend to host again next year.

--We had a great performance at the Spring-Ford competition. We won in our category.

--We started our small group lessons. We feel they have been very valuable for the students.

--We are looking into having a day trip to NYC for all music sections; information will come at a later date.

--All communication is coming out on Parent Square; Cut-time will still be used.

g. MS Instrumental Director/Choir Director's Report – absent

h. Elementary Directors' Report – shared via email from Mr. Shaffer

--We have almost 250 kids in the program between 4th–6th grades

--Our retention numbers have been fantastic

--My schedule is absolutely crazy, but it'll work, and the students will get what they need

--Both Mrs. Seaton and Ms. George are helping cover a few lessons (3) that just wouldn't fit in my schedule.

3. Unfinished Business

a. Financial Secretary position still needs to be filled (it isn't as scary as it sounds; you don't have to handle money!)

b. 5/6 Center Choir EDR

--Was approved and has been posted.

c. Shack Volunteer Age Limit

--No students allowed in Shack due to the volunteers not needing clearances.

d. Resources to help HS students

--Maybe Tri-M can help middle school learn new instruments

4. New Business

5. Committee Reports/ Planning

a. US Bands Competition

--Will do competition next year

--Look at maybe raising food prices for certain items

b. Shack

--The Chester County Health Inspection was this past Monday—We Passed!

--The last home football game broke a net income record of over \$6k!

--Youth night September 26th—Free hot dog vouchers will go out to the JR Patriots and mini cheerleaders

--Homecoming game (October 10th) will also be Middle School night

c. Volunteers

--We need more volunteers

6. Upcoming Events

--GVMPA meeting—October 29th

--Home football game vs. Academy Park—September 26

--Youth Night

--Saturday 10/4 Comp @ CB South

--Friday 10/10 Home FB Game (Homecoming)

--Friday 10/17 Away @ Henderson

--Saturday 10/18 Comp @ West Chester East

--Friday 10/24 Home FB Game (Senior Night)

--Saturday 10/25 Comp @ Souderton

--Saturday 11/1 Comp—States

--Saturday 11/8 Comp--Nationals

7. Adjournment

--Motion to adjourn @ 8:22pm--approved