

GVMPA

Meeting Minutes – May 27, 2025

In attendance:

Amy Dibble, Christine Dragoun, Meenakshi Krishnamurthy,
Eileen O'Malley, Chris Scott, Brenda Thorpe, Alicia Tran, Christine Tseng, Danielle Werkeiser,
Ben Dibble, Cristin Burke, Will Shafer, Alex Siwa

1. Approval of April 2025 meeting minutes—moved and approved
2. Reports from Officers and Representatives
 - a. President's Report – Danielle Werkeiser
 - The three GVMPA scholarships were awarded on stage by Alex (Siwa)
 - Tri-M officers for 2025-2026 have been voted in (including Varun Kartick who will be our contact for volunteers)
 - b. Treasurer's Report – Eileen O'Malley
 - Fundraising totals: ending the school year low on concert income (mainly from 50/50); other fundraising is also underperforming; need to decide if we want to set a lower budget for Raise Right, refocus on popcorn fundraisers and dine-and-donate?
 - Overall on income, we are over by about \$5,000 and under on expenses by almost \$6,000
 - Indoor Guard overage on spending approved
 - Treasurer's Report—moved and approved
 - ACTION: Next year's Board to further discuss which are best fundraisers to focus on for the coming school year**
 - c. Student Leader Reports – Luca Scott, Taylor Mason
 - Not present at meeting
 - d. Financial Secretary's Report – Chris Scott
 - Looking ahead to the next GVMPA fundraiser for the Fall—Mums Sale
 - Danielle mentioned that she is not optimistic about future overnight music trips due to issues with nurse certification and airport transportation
 - *Chris' suggestions for next school year:* Board should focus on popcorn and car wash fundraisers; Tri-M leaders should promote fundraisers at their meetings; and Social Media Team should promote the Wawa vouchers

ACTION: For Mums Sale--next year's Board will need to re-secure Mums vendor, decide on timing of Sale (so it does not conflict with USBands competition at GV on 9/13, and determine if fundraiser proceeds will go 100% towards student accounts or

split between students and GVMPA

ACTION: Next year's Board to discuss Chris' suggestions (see above)

e. High School Instrumental Director's Report – Alex Siwa

- Good Spring concert season and turnout!
- Memorial Day Parade (6/1): 8th graders will be joining for rehearsal with help from Greg Dippell and Adam Search; need help on parade route with bottled water for marching band
- New HS evaluation system for music students: Alex and Katie will be introducing a new means of evaluating students (progress-focused--based on participation, preparation and progress documentation)
- USBands Competition @ Great Valley: zoom call on 6/3 to plan; *Cristin Burke to prepare a list of best practices for the event*
- Alex picked up the 2024 plaques and 2025 plaques will be ready soon

ACTION: Board to follow up with Cristin regarding list of best practices

f. MS Instrumental Director/Choir Director's Report – Greg Dippell, Adam Search

- Not present at meeting

g. HS Choral Director's Report – Katie Domizio

- Not present at meeting

h. Elementary Directors' Report – Taylor Harner, Joy Deminski, Will Shafer

- Not present at meeting; Will thanks GVMPA for their help in getting a full-time music director

3. New Business

a. NEW BOARD--VOTED IN (service begins 7/1)

- President: Danielle Werkeiser
- Vice President: Amy Dibble
- Treasurer: Meenakshi Krishnamurthy
- Secretary: Alicia Tran
- **Financial Secretary: OPEN**
- At-Large: Christine Dragoun
- At-Large: Brenda Thorpe

- Next year's budget: Out-going Board and Incoming Board will review next year's budget
- New Board will meet to divide up roles/responsibilities

b. USBands Competition @ Great Valley (9/13)

- Nine bands will be attending
- Need strategy for making back money for the fee we need to pay for hosting
- Should speak with OJR contact and Todd for help

c. Other suggestion for next school year: have GVMPA merch tables at Back-to-School Nights

4. Upcoming Events

- 6/5 Commencement @ GVHS
- 6/13 GVSD Last Day of School
- 6/17 Membership Meeting/Vote on 2025-2026 Budget

5. Adjournment