

GVMPA

Meeting of the Association

April 27, 2021

1. Approval of November minutes—moved and approved. Available on GVMPA website and SO worth the read!
2. Reports from Officers and Representatives
 1. President report – Danielle Werkeiser
 - a. We haven't met since November so→ Happy New Year! (It is official that it is never too late to wish friends a Happy New Year.)
 - b. Poinsettia distribution went great in December.
 - c. Scavenger Hunt in March was a fun success.
 - d. In December and February the GVHS music program issued virtual videos from band, orchestra, and chamber singers. Enjoy Silent Night by the chamber singers:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Tn4wbRet2Q> or Winter Wonderland by the Jazz program:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x7_KN04BZY0
 - e. Congratulations to the Drama Guild on the Theory of Relativity, the spring musical, which was streamed last weekend.
 - f. Danielle will be recording videos to announce the winners of the GVMPA scholarships (she has no conflict since Hunter was not on the competition).
 2. Student officer reports
 - a. Madeleine Anderson—GVHS choir—Chambers will perform at graduation! Hallelujah! Each of the three choirs will be performing songs virtually, facilitated by new software—Choir Creator! Some pieces will be performed by small ensembles or duets. Group bonding activities include a hike afterschool on a Monday, online game night for chorale, and an in-person game night for chambers. Ensembles have been chosen for next year; leadership will be decided in the next month.
 - b. Bryan Zhou—Concert Band and ISC President—the group has been brainstorming ideas to keep connected. Working on virtual concert pieces completely pre-recorded, which is likely to be presented on May 28 or 29. Starting a mentorship program connecting senior musicians to work with younger students.
 - c. Kirsten Ho—Orchestra President and Marching Band. Leadership meeting on May 4. Planning Hype Camps starting with the mini-camp on May 18-20. All current members including seniors will attend and get to see the new music.
 3. Treasurer's report – Alex Nikas
 - a. See the Treasurer's report on the GVMPA website. We have spent about \$2629 more than we accrued given few fundraising opportunities this year, so far. After presenting the scholarships GVMPA will have spent \$5629 more than it brought in (but worry not—Alex makes sure the Association keeps a good cushion).
 - b. The treasurer's report was approved.
 4. Financial Secretary report – Matthew White—not present ☹️.
 5. HS Choir Director report – Ashley Vogel—not present, but represented by Choir President Madeleine.
 6. HS Instrumental Director report – Sean Cohen
 - a. Band room can fit 26 under current distancing guidelines, but 46 are in the band. So the students are rehearsing on the tennis courts, which works well during good weather. When raining, the band is split between the band room and choir room (while the choir is rehearsing in the auditorium).
 - b. Collaborating with Ashley to get the virtual Spring concert together
 - c. Starting a mentor program with the ISC. The group discussed parallels with the Big/Little program in chambers and band buddies in marching band.
 - d. Graduation—The band has been approved to play Pomp and Circumstance at graduation. So

double Hallelujah!!

e. Marching Band Recruitment Days on May 18-20. Plans for the fall season are looking “pretty normal”. Cavalcades projected. Mr. Cohen is preparing with the students so the band will be ready.

f. Some discussions among the HS music teachers about the possibility of a music trip next school year, but no trips in the school have been approved so far. So wait and see. Mr. Search commented that travel companies that cater to school trips are starting up right now. The pandemic has negatively impacted travel companies and so those that have survived are eager to assist schools with trips. So the potential is there.

7. MS Instrumental report – Adam Search

a. App for virtual concerts “Choir Creator” has helped with putting together virtual music presentations. Mr. Search and Mr. Cellini are active with band and orchestra. There will be a virtual presentation of music. Mrs. Burn is working with choirs on music. PSSAs on May 21 is adding a wrinkle to scheduling but there’s plenty of time for planning.

8. Elementary Instrumental report – Will Shafer—not present but Mr. Shafer sent an update for Danielle to present. Losing the asynchronous Mondays will negatively impact availability of Mr. Shafer and Mr. Walter to provide instrumental lessons.

3. Unfinished Business—None!

4. New Business

1. Proposed 2021-22 Executive Board

- Danielle Werkeiser: President
- Laura House-Kelly: Vice President
- Tom DeTulio: Financial Secretary
- Alex Nikas: Treasurer
- Suzanne Parent Goldman: Secretary
- Tara Brooks: Member At-Large
- **OPEN:** Member At-Large—Interest? Send an email to contact@gvmpa.org. A member at large to learn the financial secretary function would be especially very helpful. Note: the financial secretary runs the mums and poinsettia fundraisers and other ad hoc fundraisers—e.g., selling wawa coupons—through which the student musicians can earn money to use for any music purpose. The financial secretary does not handle money or accounting for the Association. (GVMPA Treasurer Alex Nikas does that.)

5. Committee Reports / Planning

1. Scavenger Hunt –20 registered groups. Very fun. Great weather. We got a \$50 donation from a passerby, which funded the prizes!
2. GVMPA Scholarships— Any Senior involved in any music ensemble during High School is eligible to compete. This year, eight Seniors applied for the scholarship. Every application was a pleasure to read. Every Senior student musician applicant was very deserving, and ranking the applicants was challenging for the review committee.
3. Raffle—Tom still wants to do a raffle this year. We are limited as to what we can offer as a prize—perhaps an overnight excursion to Philadelphia? Tom will explore further and report back at the May meeting.
4. Newsletter—Laura—works on the newsletter with Jen Anderson and Keet Leibowitz. Jen is leaving the Association since her daughter is graduating (dang!) so the team invites another parent to join in getting out a newsletter every other month or so. Someone who has interest helping with managing the GVMPA website would be especially welcome. Drop a line to contact@gvmpa.org!
5. Prospective school for grades 5/6 (the “5/6 Center”)—Alex participated in a planning session for the building that is planned for 5th and 6th graders, proposed to be located between KD Markley and the Administration Building and opened in 2024 or 2025. Being planned by the Schrader Group. Alex advocated for a planned performance space that is not simply a cafeteria or gym with a stage.

6. Upcoming Events

1. May Marching Band Mini-camp—May 18-20. 6-8pm
2. Graduation—June 4!

7. Adjournment