GVMPA
Meeting of the Membership
August 11, 2019

In attendance: Danielle Werkeiser, Ellen Spiegel, Heather Horvath, Jim and Stephanie Crane, Suzanne Parent, Matt White, Julie Haefner, Ann Search, Sue Olafson, Jen Langlois, Laura House-Kelley, Brian House-Kelly, Mark King, Eileen Colucci, Alex Nikas, Sandi Hetzel, Andy Cook. Not in attendance: Tom DeTulleo, President of GVMPA

HS Instrumental Director Report—Sean Cohen. Delighted about and grateful for the new sound system purchased by the Association, which will allow for narration in our Marching band story this season, Two Wolves, a story of morality. Excited about several projects—1. Symphony Orchestra participating in competition at Sean's alma mater. 2. No morning jazz rehearsal, which will be replaced with afterschool for prep in jazz competitive circuit. Sean told the group that last year was a hard year but very rewarding. His teaching goal—teach life lessons through music. Play great music, but also learn to be a great person.

Student Officer's Report—Katelyn DePaula. Katelyn introduced herself to the Association members present. Katelyn is the Student Representative to GVMPA and the Woodwind Captain of the Marching Band, and will periodically report to the membership on how the high school music students are getting on.

President's Report—delivered by GVMPA Vice President, Danielle Werkeiser, for Tom DeTulleo who was not present.

- Special thanks to Jeanne Finkelston, Ann Search and others for their support in drycleaning, fitting, repairing, and altering Marching Band uniforms.
- Thanks to Jennifer Armstrong and Karen Stalker for continuing to manage formalwear distribution, collection and cleaning.
- We were really pleased to be able to support the purchase of a new sound system for MB and other ensembles.
- MB t-shirts were ordered late last week and will arrive on 8-21 for distribution to students that evening at Camp, in time for the Preview Night on 8-22. We'll have several extras in each size, but not many, so act quickly if you want one but didn't order one.
- SHACK planning is in full swing – this represents approximately 40% of our overall fundraising efforts for the year, so we could REALLY use everyone's support in making it a success. PLEASE volunteer if/when you can. With a 6th home game this year, and potential for a home playoff game, this could prove to be a LONG but fruitful Shack season.
- Fundraising plans for the Fall are Mums, Coffee and Poinsettias, with Scrip and WaWa coupons ongoing throughout the year. A reminder that we are still rebating Scrip 100% to the student until October.
- We are moving volunteer sign-ups away from Charms and will now use Sign-Up Genius. Feel free to text me a hug/kiss emoji as a form of thanks. Fall needs are already detailed in Sign-Up Genius and can be accessed directly from the NEW gvmpa.org. PLEASE sign-up. A special thanks to Christine Tseng for agreeing to coordinate Cavalcade meals this year!

I look forward to a very successful 2019-2020 school year, with greater volunteer support and camaraderie than ever!

Treasurer's Report (Alex)—even with buying new sound system for marching band (but can be used for other ensembles), ended up $9k+. Expenditures for this year—sent drum majors to

camp and bought marching band t-shirts. See the 2018-19 GVMPA financial report, presented at the meeting and uploaded with these minutes.

Financial Secretary's Report (Matt)— Mums fundraiser has begun. Forms due on Sept 9; pickup on Sept 14. About half of the sale price goes to the students account. Spencer Schumacher has bragging rights as biggest seller for several years. Proceeds benefit only the student. Mark advocated the Scrip program.

HS Choir Directors Report—the Report was presented by Danielle since Ashley, like Tom DeTulleo, was not present. Congratulations to seniors Jack Schadl and Bennett Resnick for making the National Choir! First Chambers rehearsal on Aug 19; first chorale rehearsal on Aug 20.

Shack Report—Danielle continues to report, in Tom's absence, about purchasing supplies. **Shack attack THURSDAY night at 6:00 pm** (due to severe weather predicted on Tuesday). Bring drill/tool box if you have. Volunteer. Lots of fun. Really. Honest!

New GVMPA Website— Report by Laura H-K and Jen Anderson. Will be launched by the 22nd, since the old site will disappear then! Much easier to navigate than the old site. Easy to find volunteer opportunities. Could use more pictures to scroll through ensembles and levels of education.

Future Fundraising—(Matt) Not enough time to start a Christmas tree sale, due to Disney Trip and late November Thanksgiving. Matt loves new fundraising ideas! Please let Matt know about your ideas!

Communications (Laura)—generating newsletters through new website. Look for that!

Disney Trip—due date for second payment is Sept 4; third payment due on October 10. Approx 153 students attending. The members present debated whether to provide the opportunity to buy Disney show shirts.

Upcoming events—in addition to the start of marching band and the annual shack attack—

Aug 12-23–Marching Band Camp
Aug 19 and 20–Chambers and Chorale pre-season rehearsals
Aug 22–Marching band preview night
Aug 23–lunchtime band-football kick off picnic
Aug 23 First home game (vs. Phoenixville)