

Meeting Agenda  
GMMDV  
Tuesday September 5th, 2023  
4:30 PM, Rutland High School (Theater)

In attendance: Sam Rodgers, Mark Barrett, Hannah Yarwood, Danielle Solomon, Brent Barnett, Sarah Koon, Beth Winter, Denise Andriscin, Lisa Hoyt, Tom Neeson, Joshua Thompson, Cailin, O'Hara, Parker Mann, Phil Henry, Dan Graves, Shannon Bonsignore, Marc Whitman, Samantha Adams, Richard Shermon, Carol Baker, Lincoln Myers, Kathy Luzader, Cameron Wescott, Patrick Roberts, Ann Reed, Aaron Audet, Peter Roach, Andrew Loose, Jenn Dekalb, Jocelyn Noble, Rebecca Mills, Mason Mills, Christy Papandrea

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
  - A. Approved
- III. Announcements
  - A. Killington Elementary School is looking for a long-term substitute. It is a part-time position.
  - A. The 40th Army Band is looking to come to schools in our district March 18th -22nd. If you are interested they can come in and do master classes, workshops, concerts, or whatever might help. We can also look at combining with your students for some sort of afternoon or evening concert. If you are interested please let Matt know as he needs to start scheduling things for that week now. If you have any further questions about it let him know as well. (Matt Tatro)
- IV. Secretary's Report
  - A. Sam Rodgers
    - 1. Approved
- V. Co-Treasurer Report
  - A. Zak Hampton and Rebecca Mills
    - 1. Printout
    - 2. Approved
- VI. President's Report
  - A. Christy Papandrea
    - 1. I wasn't able to attend VMEA's last meeting due to it being scheduled the same night as a mandatory back-to-school event.
      - a) Contemporary bands/a capella at this year's AllState Festival.  
Passed with funding caveat
      - b) Nov 27 conference
    - 2. The E-Handbook on the Website needs a complete overhaul. However, we have a lot of things we need to discuss and decide on before I do this.
      - a) Holding off to
    - 3. **Motion to approve: passed**
- VII. Audition Repertoire

- A. Peter Roach
  - 1. Level 1 Band pieces confirmed (updated on website, changes in red)
    - a) Need to decide clips
    - b) HS-“Jet Stream” Gary D. Ziek
    - c) MS- “Andromeda Overture” by Mark Williams
  - 2. Violin to be updated
  - 3. MS Chorus lyric change (m. 13 “Sing a song with all of you”)
  - 4. New set of Rounds MS (word change, to be rescanned to Audition Rep Doc)
  - 5. Jazz Changes
    - a) Original book for Jazz HS
      - (1) Second Chorus for “Autumn”
    - b) MS SOE Original book
- VIII. Audition Audicators
  - A. Zak Hampton
    - 1. Double check Audicators Doc, respond “Y/N”
    - 2. Short last year
- IX. District Audition and Festival Dates
  - A. Date for Audition Registration - ?
    - 1. Note that we will be following a hard deadline this year (people specifically asked for this in the job survey that I sent out last spring).
      - a) **Deadline: October 27** (Google Form submission)
      - b) Brent Motion: Make up auditions done before Thanksgiving Break (Wednesday Nov 22)
        - (1) Middlebury on break that week
        - (2) Passed
      - c) **Motion:** Make up auditions to make effort to be made in real time (Google Meet/In Person) rather than recorded
        - (1) Two day period to figure out schedules to meet. Contact Audition Chair/President to communicate adjudicator.
        - (2) Additional scheduling challenge with HS Chorus (quartet, teacher, adjudicator)
        - (3) Music Minus One? (Program to audition to without a quartet)
          - (a) In Person above virtual. Adjudicator plays tracks
        - (4) Recorded Zoom/Google Meet higher quality
        - (5) Addendum:
          - (a) Recorded auditions can be made at the discretion of the parties involved (director facilitating, introduce student) (guidelines from Audition Chair?)
        - (6) Passed, 1 Abstention
  - B. Date for Festival Registration - ?
    - 1. Note that we will be following a hard deadline this year.
      - a) **Deadline: December 15 (2 weeks after results back)**

- C. MS Auditions- **Wednesday, November 15th @ Rutland HS**
- D. HS Auditions- **Monday, November 13th @ Proctor HS**
- E. Festival #1 - at Castleton, **February 2nd, 2024** (snow date 2/3) HS Band, HS Strings, MS Jazz, MS Chorus
  - 1. Castleton
    - a) \$2000 (to host), \$15/student dinner
    - b) GMMDV can only currently afford to host one Festival at Castleton for the 2023-2024 school year.
    - c) We are currently waiting for a contract from Castleton for this Festival.
    - d) Goal is to try and figure out how to afford to host both Festivals at Castleton in the future.
- F. Festival #2 - at Rutland MS, **March 1st, 2024** (snow date 3/2) MS Band, MS Strings, HS Jazz, HS Chorus
  - 1. HUGE thank you to Rutland crew for hosting us!
  - 2. Changed dates back to March so we can avoid mid-term exams at the HS level, as well as cater to Music in Our Schools month
    - a) Note that if/when we move both Festivals to Castleton in the future, one Festival will NEED to be in January due to their musical being scheduled for March. The pro is that our schools won't need to host anymore. Additionally, the date in January will not have college students roaming campus.

X. Ongoing Business

- A. Where are we at with having Tommy complete the sight reading material for us for our auditions this year?
  - 1. Rebecca Mills
    - a) MS Sight Reading
      - (1) Edits needed to lower level
      - (2) 3-year rotations
    - b) Hard due date?
- B. Required VMEA Membership
  - 1. Review: VMEA is going to start requiring that all schools who participate in any Festival (K-12) become members (already required for All State) as of the 2024-2025 year (i.e. all sending teachers). Districts will be asked to work with an individual from the VMEA board to cross check this (this is being figured out). There will be an added fee (probably substantial) if sending teachers are not members.
    - a) Wondering if GMMDV can get away with just having teachers with participating schools be members? Thoughts?
      - (1) In the future- District level person to be point person/help people fund
      - (2) All States may increase (about \$100)
      - (3) Only teachers participating to be members?

- (4) Official VMEA Board letter written to be shared with admin? (raised fees)

C. Ticket Prices (to help cover cost of hosting at CU)

1. Currently:
  - a) Student/Senior Citizen \$5
  - b) Adult \$7
  - c) Family of 4 or more \$20
2. Would like to raise to:
  - a) Student/Senior Citizen \$8
  - b) Adult \$10
  - c) Family of 4 or more \$25
3. **Motion** to approve proposed raise in ticket price
  - a) Goal to raise for both festivals at Castleton
  - b) Is Castleton the goal? Three-year plan? Do price hikes work for our families?
    - (1) Revamp to prevent member burnout, job responsibilities,
    - (2) Treasure to be clearer for bigger picture
    - (3) Figure out if we like Festival
    - (4) March Meeting: District Direction for longer plan
  - c) Campus/non-school site raises experience for participants
4. Passed

D. Raising Registration and Audition Fees for the 2024-2025 School Year

1. As stated elsewhere in the agenda, GMMDV is only able to afford to host one Festival at Castleton this year. We would like to try to make efforts to move to hosting both Festivals at Castleton next year so the stress of hosting Festivals is not something that is needed by our schools. To do this, we need to raise funds.
  - a) Raise Audition Fee
    - (1) Currently \$10 per student for the first audition and \$5 for additional auditions
  - b) Raise Registration Fee
    - (1) Raised \$20 per student per Festival
      - (a) **Motion:** Raise to \$15 and \$5 per additional audition
        - (i) Too much for young 6th graders?
        - (ii) Leave a \$10 first audition and \$10 for additional?
        - (iii) Look more closely at finances
        - (iv) Leave Audition fee, raise Registration?
      - (a) **Not passed**
      - (b) **Motion:** Raise Festival Participation fee to \$30
        - (i) Passed
      - (c) Advertisements? Follow through/point person required before proposal (Denise)
    - c) Additional cost savings

- (1) Ensembles directed by in-state conductors to save on hotel costs. Joshua Thompson from Castleton is interested in HS Band.
- (2) Music can only be chosen from the Library. No new music purchased for Festivals this year.

#### E. District Jobs

1. Please review the attached material thoroughly so we can discuss it. I took the information from the Google Form that was completed last spring and did my best to make sure everything was accounted for here.
2. Things to consider:
  - a) Is anything missing from this list of jobs? If so, what needs to be added?
  - b) All of these positions need to be filled asap (i.e. during the Fall meeting). Please think about what you are currently doing, whether you want to keep doing it, want to switch, or would like to take on a position. **I would really love to be able to make a statement at our Festivals while emceeing the concert that every music teacher in our District holds a volunteer position to make our Festivals happen!**
  - c) Should we put a list of jobs and who is completing them on the website so we know who to contact for what?
  - d) Strings is looking for additional help. What type of position is being looked for here?
  - e) We have elementary teachers at K-5 schools choosing not to attend meetings and/or participate. What do we want to do about this?
  - f) Positions added:
    - (1) Librarian - the library is currently at Mary Hogan but isn't organized at all. It needs to be if we are going to use it.  
**Jocelyn Noble**
  - g) **Parts of Peter's roles to divide?**
    - (1) Audition Chair: Zak
    - (2) Maintaining Audition Rep, Webmaster
    - (3) Awards: needed
    - (4) New Teacher Liaison: Carrie Kohl
  - h) **List of person's roles**
  - i) **Strings need help (adjudicating, managing)**
    - (1) **Sarah and Kathy to give specific list of help required**
  - j) **K-5 Teachers non-participating**
    - (1) **Offer PD sessions**
    - (2) **Elementary Vocal Festival**
    - (3) **Google Form sent to ideas to increase participation?**

#### F. In person awards given

- XI. Adjournment by 6:00 PM  
A. Adjourned 5:58 PM

Info:

1. MS Chorus audition piece lyric change
  - a. Measure 13 "Sing a song with all of you"
2. Check the website for audition rep, changes are in red
3. **Please double check your name on the Adjudicators Doc and confirm if you are able/willing to adjudicate this year with "Y/N"**
4. **Audition Registration Deadline:** October 27 via Google Form
5. **Auditions**
  - a. Middle School- Wednesday, November 15th at Rutland HS
  - b. High School- Monday November 13th at Proctor HS
6. **Festivals**
  - a. February 2nd (snow date 2/3) at Castleton University
    - i. HS Band
    - ii. HS Strings
    - iii. MS Jazz
    - iv. MS Chorus
  - b. March 1st (snow date 3/2) at Rutland MS
    - i. MS Band
    - ii. MS Strings
    - iii. HS Jazz
    - iv. HS Chorus
7. MS sightreading compositions by Tom Peppard to be edited. Rebecca to follow up
8. Tickets Prices raised
9. Festival participation fees raised
10. New District Jobs
  - a. Audition Chair: Zac Hampton
  - b. New Teacher Liaison: Carrie Kohl
  - c. Librarian: Jocelyn Noble
  - d. Awards: *needed*
11. List of person's roles to be posted
12. Strings in need of help. Sarah and Kathy will produce list of specific help needed

Motions:

1. To approve President's Report
  - a. Passed
2. Make up auditions to make effort to be made in real time (Google Meet/In Person) rather than recorded
  - a. Addendum: Recorded auditions can be made at the discretion of the parties involved (director facilitating, adjudicator, student parents). Guidelines from Audition Chair

- b. Passed
- 3. To approve proposed raise in ticket price
  - a. Passed
- 4. To raise audition fee to \$15 with \$5 per additional audition
  - a. Not Passed
- 5. To raise festival participation fee to \$30
  - a. Passed