

Maynard Music Association November 4, 2015 Minutes – High School

Joint Business:

Casino Night update

Vouchers still available at Fowler School/MMA website/Facebook page
Dealers needed - M. DeVos offered to deal 2 hours rather than 1 (as scheduled)

Concert Programs: Due November 20th

Music teachers at both schools send bios and photos to Danielle at ghostwriter3@verizon.net
Kudos need to be promoted – K. Kozik will send information on Kudos to Fowler music parents.
Form should be available online.
Ads from Casino Night go to the concert program

Enrichment information

Will address this at next meeting (after Casino Night)

Concert Updates

Raffle of flute pin from Casino Night will be continued at the HS and Fowler concerts – winner to be announced at the Fowler concert on December 16th
Water donations will need be requested from music parents for both concerts – M. DeVos will send request to HS MMA list

Jazz Cafe

Potential date of this joint fundraising event to be determined - was previously held in April
Consider making this a Fowler/HS combined event to be managed by Ms. Gately and Mr. Kozik
Has traditionally been hosted in Fowler auditorium with tables seating and food provided by volunteers

General Comments

Parents of younger music students at the HS are concerned about difficulty of music for 8th and 9th graders and feel they may get overlooked in such a big group.

With the large size and range of ages (grades 8 - 12) of the HS band, what else can be done to help the younger band members be more successful?

High School Business:

Updates from Ms. Blanchard

Bids for marching equipment discussed at previous 2 meetings still in progress – high priority item for MMA (must first have bids for 3 equivalent options to comply with non-profit status)

Bonnie had met with HS percussion section leader to get a prioritized equipment list. 1st priority - HS drum kit needs to be repaired or replaced. Drum kit from Fowler is currently at HS as temporary solution arrived at by music teachers.

Senior Recognitions will be given at Thanksgiving Day Football game. Volunteer needed for corsages – L. Doyle will contact Ms. Blanchard for details (how many, ect.) and be in charge of this. Ms. Gately will run the Pep Band.

Veterans Day Parade memo has been passed out on web and in email – M. DeVos will send one more reminder and request for parent volunteers.

Parade attire: black pants, black socks and shoes, band jackets.

Web updates

Private instructors, information related to pep, band, courses, and parade

Volunteer Needs

11/14 Senior Districts: 2 parents from group of students auditioning

11/26 Thanksgiving Game: 2 more chaperones needed (for a total of 5)

12/2 State House visit: 4 parents from group of students performing

12/6 Christmas Parade: 8 chaperones (6 to march, 1 to watch cases and 1 at HS)

12/9 Concert: 4 parents to chaperone band room

Finance (Tom)

Tom is putting all financials into Quickbooks and will use this going forward – in progress
Need meeting for - line item budget, projected expenses, and working balance

Bids for Items from 8/14: None to vote on

Marching mace, timpani heads, marching drum harnesses and drums, drum set make over, 2 marching snares, 2 piano humidifiers

Bids for items from 10/4 and 10/20 - Marching Project: None to vote on

Items in order of greatest need per conversation with HS percussion section leader (student)

1. Marching Mace, Snares with harnesses, heads for existing snares, heads for bass drums
2. Small/medium bass drums (1-2) with harnesses, additional snares with harnesses
3. Large bass drums and harnesses

Days with the Pros: We were asked if we can commit to enrichment for 2 visits

Request:

- o \$450 for 6 musicians @ \$75 per hour to visit the band
- o \$250 for 3 singers (soprano, alto, tenor/bass) to visit the chorus

No vote taken today – waiting for finance details and Casino Night fundraiser totals

Pops Night: Feb 5th at 7pm

Request for fundraising form? Will MHS staff member be available to attend?

Discussed whether "Pops Night" could be renamed to more accurately describe the event and possibly draw a larger crowd

Present:

Bonnie Wilson, Maureen DeVos, Dawn Olsen, Annmarie Paczkowski, Tom Babian, Liz Doyle, Lynda Thayer, Sandra Liu, Kevin Kozik, Ann Bundy

Next meeting date December 2nd - Fowler 7:00, Joint Business 7:45, High School 8:00 in room B132 at the high school