# Maynard Music Association Joint Business Minutes

5-6-20

Present: Wouter Leeuwis, Bonnie Wilson, Stephanie Gavin, Kevin Kozik, Brenda O'Neil, Renee Lilley, Michael Barth, Cheryl Lucas, Marc Cryan, Bill Freeman, Trish Gately, Lynda Thayer, Annemarie Caloggero

Tonight's open meeting took place via Zoom.

MMA Officers:

Director: Bonnie Wilson Co-Chair: Renee Lilley

Fowler Treasure: Bill Freeman

High School Treasure: Stephanie Gavin

Fowler Secretary: Marc Cryan

High School Secretary: Annemarie Caloggero

Webmaster: Vacant Position

April minutes have been approved and are ready to be posted.

## Secretarial Update

• Website updates include latest cancellations, remote learning plans from Mr. Kozik and Mrs. Blanchard, scholarship application and info about tonight's meeting.

# Financial Update

- Fowler:
  - Working balance of approximately \$14,000.00
- MHS:
  - Working balance of approximately \$9,600.00

#### Fowler Chair

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade is looking to purchase a parting class gift for the band/chorus program
- Mike Barth, Principal Fowler School, joined tonight's meeting to discuss scheduling for next fall. The following was reported:
  - Fowler is building a schedule for the fall that will be more accommodating to students who are interested in music education.
  - The new music teacher will teach 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> period and all 4<sup>th</sup> graders which will allow Mr. Kozik to focus on instrumental lessons.

- This new plan will allow students to receive band in addition to an instrumental lessons each week.
- Scheduling of related arts classes has been reconfigured so that all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have related arts classes together twice a day. This will allow 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to come together as a band twice a week.
- Non music students will have a 4 day rotational related arts schedule. Band students will have band and instrumental as 2 of their 4 related arts, health as required by law, and a choice of Latin, Makers Space or Genre of Literature.
- All 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive music instruction.
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> will not get music unless they are in band. This could change year to year.
- Strings and chorus will be offered as after school activities.

### Graduation

- Tri-M recognition supplies need to be ordered
- Music awards will likely be given out at the graduation ceremony

#### Scholarship Committee

- Is meeting next week to review applications (9 to date)
- The application deadline was extended to May 8<sup>th</sup>

#### Scholarships \$

- Should we offer more given the current pandemic?
- The number of scholarships being offered this year compared to years past is reduced given the current situation.

### **Teacher Requests**

- A request was made to MMA by Ms. Trish Gately and Mr. Kevin Kozik to support virtual Master Classes, an enrichment activity during this school closure.
  - o This enrichment would be offered to all Fowler and High School music students
  - Each master class would cost \$100
  - The structure and goal of each class would be up to each individual clinician
    - Flute
    - Woodwind
    - Bass
    - Percussion
    - Yoga

### **Great East Festival**

- Great East has offered to refund the high school, but there is concern that the funds will be sent to the district and not back to where they originated from, MMA
- Fowler Great East funds will be rolled over

## **School Committee Meetings**

Meetings are being held virtually until otherwise stated: 5/7, 5/21, 6/4 @ 7:00

## **MMA Banquet**

- Planning for this event is on hold however some of the activities related to this event are moving forward.
  - Awards/Certificates: Stephanie and Aly
  - Wills/Memories: Annemarie and Aly
  - Video: Annemarie and Danielle
- Waiting to hear from the district about graduation plans before proceeding.
- Holding out hope that a live gathering will be possible
- MMA discussed the possibility of presenting scholarships, awards, and recognitions at the ceremony the districts plans for students
- In the meantime, MMA is creating gift bags that will be delivered to doorsteps graduation weekend to include
  - A \$25 gift card to Target
  - Blanket
  - Certificate of participation

## Disney 2021

• Planning is on hold and will resume when the district gives the committee the go ahead.

### **MMA Elections**

- MMA is looking to fill the following positions for the 2020/21 school year:
  - o Chair
  - High School Treasurer

### Casino Night 2020

- This event will be canceled in recognition of financial difficulties families and local business have endured during the COVID 19 pandemic
- In its place, MMA may consider fundraising by planning a mass request for donations via email, US mail.
- Programs, created for the purpose of Casino Night, but which are used at various concerts throughout the year will not be made this year.
  - MMA is considering a digital program in its place

Next Meeting: Wednesday June 6th, 7:00 virtually

Motion: A motion was made to allocate up to \$500.00, to be split 50/50 between Fowler and the high school, to cover the cost of 5 master classes this spring, 2020.

Second: Bill Freeman

Final Vote: 9/9 all in favor

Motion Carried: Yes

An online motion was made by Annemarie Caloggero on 5/19/20 via email stating that, at the request of the Scholarship Committee, MMA provide an additional \$500 scholarship for the class of 2020. This would raise the number of scholarships from 6 to 7.

Second: Stephanie Gavin Finale Vote: 11/11 in all favor

Motion Carried: Yes