

## **Maynard Music Association Annual Review 2019-2020**

Welcome to the Maynard Music Association for the Fowler School & MHS. We are a volunteer parent association that supports the needs of band and choral students at Fowler and Maynard High School. We focus on recognition, enrichment, scholarship and musical support of students and teachers through our volunteerism, advocacy and fundraising.

### **Highlights of the year:**

#### **May 2019**

- Held monthly MMA meeting.
- Supported needs to ensure the successful end of year band and choral concerts at Fowler and MHS.
- Purchased end of year gifts for Fowler and HS music teachers as well as jazz/ensemble teacher.
- Organized bake sale, set up volunteers to man the bake sale, and distribute and collect programs at Fowler concert.
- Provided financial support, tee shirts, and volunteers for Fowler trip to Great East Festival/Six Flags.
- Scholarship subcommittee met to review and award scholarships to deserving students.
- Hosted annual Maynard High School Music Banquet in honor of our 2019 graduates.
  - Inducted first-ever Maynard High School Tri M National Honor Society students.
- Purchased and presented plaques to our students at the banquet who placed at the Senior District Performances, All-States Auditions, and Junior District Auditions.
- Promoted summer music camps and lessons.
- Organized chaperones for the Memorial Day Parade.

#### **June 2019**

- Held monthly MMA meeting.
- Awarded 6 scholarships to deserving seniors. Following the award ceremony, MMA learned that 3 students had submitted applications to the scholarship committee via their school accounts, but these applications, due to school Gmail restrictions, never made it to the scholarship committee. As a result, the scholarship committee reviewed the additional 3 scholarships and MMA

voted in August to provide scholarships to these students granting 9 scholarships in total.

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Fowler raised money for a parting gift which included a conductor stand and print for the band room.
- Elected MMA High School Secretary to a 2-year term ending 6/2021.
- Elected MMAFowler School Chair/Co-Chair for a 2-year term ending 6/2021.
- Elected MMA Fowler Treasurer for a 2-year term ending 6/2021.
- Elected MMA Fowler Secretary for a 2-year term ending 6/2021.
- MHS band performed at the high school award ceremony.
- MHS band and choral students performed at the high school graduation ceremony.
- Collected, laundered band shirts following the Memorial Day parade.

### **July 2019**

- Conducted officer meetings to discuss the fall agenda, prepare the upcoming calendar, and review the budget.
- Wrote and posted the annual review.
- Reserved the Fowler library for 2019/20 monthly meetings.
- Held the first Casino Night planning meeting.

### **August 2019**

- Organized volunteers to donate desserts and man dessert table at the end of summer MHS cookout.
- Prepared a welcome packet for new and existing music families.
- Presented the association and encouraged involvement at MHS 9th grade cookout.
- Held Casino Night planning meeting.
- Purchased folios and windows for the high school band.
- Purchased binders and sheet protectors for high school jazz band.
- Repaired, cleaned, and aligned an oboe belonging to the high school.
- Voted to allocate funds for an enrichment event with BT ALC Big Band in November.
- Assisted band teacher in organizing an instrument night at the Fowler to promote interest in the music program

### **September 2019**

- Held first of the year monthly MMA meeting.
- Created budgets for both schools with projected expenses.

- Set up a table at open houses for Fowler and MHS with welcome letters, music calendars, band jacket information, requests for volunteers and emails, and prompts to visit our website and Facebook pages.
- Organized pep band volunteers although due to Triple E and an issue with the bleachers, many pep bands were canceled.
- Purchased Timpani drums for Fowler.
- Started gathering music staff bios for the concert music program.
- Posted and disseminated school music calendar.
- Held weekly Casino Night planning meetings to collect ads, table sponsors, prizes, and prepare for the logistical aspects of the event.
- Disney planning trip committee was formed.

## **October 2019**

- Held monthly MMA meeting.
- Held weekly Casino Night planning meetings to discuss voucher sales, collect prizes, organize complimentary babysitting, collect ads and table sponsors, complete the program, and create thank you posters and table sponsor signs.
- Filed Massachusetts state taxes

## **November 2019**

- Held monthly MMA meeting.
- Held Casino Night planning meetings to confirm food, dealers, tables, vouchers, prizes, table sponsors, decorations, and advertisements for the program as well as complete prize baskets.
- Hosted 11th Casino Game Night at the Maynard Elks from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Through this fundraiser, we raised over \$16,200 for the music programs at Fowler School and Maynard High School. Over 25 volunteers supported this event in chairperson positions, decorations, food prep, prize basket donations, and creation.
  - Provided an hour of musical entertainment by Blueprint Jazz Club at Casino Night.
- Organized chaperones for Maynard's annual Veteran's Day Parade.
- Organized drivers and chaperones for Senior Districts for MHS students.
- Solicited families to purchase kudos for the music programs and started formatting this year's concert program. Worked with the district webmaster to include a live MMA link on the schools' and district's websites.
- Hosted in school and community-based enrichment event with BT ALC Big Band

## **December 2019**

- Completed music concert programs.
- Supported winter concerts at Fowler/MHS and Solo & Ensemble Night at MHS.
- Displayed Casino Night thank you posters and ensured plaques and banner for musical excellence were on display.
- Presented holiday gifts to high school music teacher, Fowler music teacher, and jazz/ensemble teacher at the close of each concert.
- Organized chaperones and drivers so students could participate in downtown caroling.
- Organized volunteers to support A Capella, Jazz, and Ensemble students as they participated in Maynard Business Alliance Sip and Stroll, a holiday event.
- Organized chaperones for musical performance at the State House.
- Filed Federal Taxes

## **January 2020**

- Held monthly MMA meeting
- Discussed the possibility of bringing a Tri-M National Honor Society junior chapter to the Fowler.
- Held a community forum to discuss what would happen to the music program if proposed budget cuts took effect.
- Encouraged parents and students to advocate for their music program by attending an after school meeting with the Assistant Superintendent.
- MMA created and sent a survey to all Maynard High School music alumni to gather information about their musical experience at Maynard High School. Results were then formatted into a power-point presentation shared with the School Committee in an effort to advocate for the music programs in Maynard and the reinstatement of the full .8 position cut in April of 2019.
- Supported MHS Jazz Band in its performance at Serendipity, a local cafe.
- Began seeking volunteers for the scholarship subcommittee.
- Volunteered to drive MHS students to Senior District Performances, All-States Auditions, and Junior District Auditions.
- Began planning for MHS Pops Night.
- Funded Great East Festival deposits for high school band and chorus and Fowler band.
- Allocated funds for a banner and supplies for the Tri M Honor Society induction ceremony for 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade Fowler and high school students.

## February 2020

- Held monthly MMA meeting.
- Supported MHS Pops Night by providing decorations, setting up for the event, organizing food donations, selling tickets, and assisting in the cleanup.
- Continued pursuits to organize a group of volunteers to plan annual MHS Music Banquet.
- Assisted music teacher in planning an evening Jazz Cafe event for late March.
- Funded part of Great East Festival Payment. However, the festival was cancelled due to Covid-19. HS received payment back less fee. Fowler rolled over payment to the 2021 Festival.

## March 2020

- Held monthly MMA meeting.
- Assisted music teacher in planning an evening Jazz Cafe event moved to early April. This event was later canceled due to the COVID-19.
- Created a raffle basket for Fine Arts Night in mid-March at the Fowler. This event was later canceled because of COVID-19. The basket is being held over for another event.
- A formal request was made to the principal at the Fowler asking for improved scheduling and opportunity for music students.
- Purchased a  $\frac{1}{2}$  page MMA ad for this year's Maynard High School yearbook.
- Funded Day with the Pros for MHS Chorus students.
- Created list of musical resources at the start of the pandemic which was posted on our website and disseminated to parents.

## April 2020

- Held monthly MMA meeting via Zoom.
- Held banquet meeting via Zoom.
- Scholarship Committee was formed. The scholarship application was tweaked and distributed to all music students.

## May 2020

- Held monthly MMA meeting via Zoom.
- Held banquet meeting via Zoom.
  - For each graduating music student, purchased Target gift cards, purchased black and orange blankets with music logo and year of

graduation embroidery, collected wills and memories, gathered years of participation, and assembled all into a gift bag.

- Promoted summer music camp and lessons.
- Through MMA's advocacy, the district announced that a tentative schedule for the Fowler was created that would allow more opportunities for students to experience music throughout the school day.
- Due to the pandemic, funded 5 virtual Master Classes for grades 8-12 for each band section plus Yoga for musicians.