

Maynard Music Association

Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2022

7:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

Present: Bonnie Wilson, Stephanie Gavin, Renee Lilly, Sarah Johnson, Cheryl Lucas, Wouter Leeuwis, Rachel Leeuwis, Cindy Blanchard, Tricia Gately

MMA Officers:

MHS Chair: Bonnie Wilson

MHS Treasurer: Stephanie Gavin

Fowler Chair: Renee Lilley

Fowler Treasurer: Stephanie Gavin, interim

MMA General Officer/Secretary: Sarah Johnson

MMA General Officer/Webmaster: Wouter Leeuwis

Secretarial Update:

- Minutes from the December meeting were voted on and are ready to be posted on our website.
- Email lists are in the process of being updated and cleaned up.
- Annual Appeal donation tax letters were sent out to parents/guardians and businesses.
- Stephanie will update MMA status with the bank.

Webmaster Update:

- Private instructor list is being updated.
- Administrators should look at MMA Facebook page to see if any information needs updating.
- Recent recordings of chorus and band concerts will be put on the website, depending on audio quality.
- Future updates will include the text to “Lorenzo’s Clock” and the list of Jr., Sr. Districts + All states.

Directors’ updates:

Chorus:

- Ideas were discussed for a field trip. Details about pricing, transportation, and dates are being researched.
- Pops Night is usually held in February but later in the school year may be more appropriate, depending on Covid numbers/protocols. There is concern about streaming/audio issues if this event ends up being virtual.
- The chorus director will discuss questions about transportations expenses and Pops Night with the administration.

Band:

- The 7/8/MHS band concert was fun and received positive feedback from attendees, including the administration and Andy Boysen.
- Plans are underway for starting Fowler Jazz Band.
- Tri-M officers are discussing induction options, which will probably mirror NHS.
- The Grade 8 Disney meeting will be virtual for educating them about the 2023 trip.

Prepared and submitted by Sarah Johnson

- Instrument masks will need to be used by the MHS band. The school will provide for any lost masks.
- The date for Great East is being finalized, likely in mid-May.

Wind Ensemble/Jazz Bands:

- A planned Jazz Band performance at Camellia Gardens has been postponed.
- Jazz Cafe dates are in flux, either for March or May.
- An informal bid was discussed for small group lessons for both bands. A more formal bid was shared after the meeting.

Finance Update:

- Nearly \$12,000 was raised through the Annual Appeal.
- Sweatshirts/t-shirts are being distributed.
- MHS has a \$21,000 balance.

Fowler Chair Update:

- An inquiry was made to the after-school program for a potential chorus program.

MHS Chair Update:

- The 2021 Music Program was successful.
- Correspondence continues with MEA as options are considered for a scholarship in Ronan Jeannotte's name.
- Volunteers for upcoming (potential) events will be needed:
 - Pops Night
 - Jazz Cafe
 - Scholarship subcommittee
 - Senior planning volunteers (photo boards, banquet/awards);
- Recruitment for new leadership and MMA participants needs to begin in earnest in January, including members of a fundraising subcommittee to operate between July and October.
- A performing arts pathway is being discussed as part of the school's 22-23 budget.

Closed Session: Review of Bid & Online Vote

Motion: A motion was made to spend \$750–\$1,125 for 10-15 group lessons for Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band. Instructors will be working on general instrument and practice techniques, and applying those skills to jazz and wind music.

All in Favor: 8/8

Motion Carried: Yes

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 7 pm