

Maynard Music Association
Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2022
7:45 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Present: Renee Lilly, Sarah Johnson, Cheryl Lucas, Wouter Leeuwis, Rachel Leeuwis, Matthew Truch, Melissa Sommer, Clayton DeWalt, Kevin Kozik

MMA Officers:

Chairpersons: Cheryl Lucas & Rachel Leeuwis

Fowler Chair: Renee Lilley

Treasurer: Matthew Truch

Secretary: Sarah Johnson

Webmaster: Wouter Leeuwis

Chair Updates:

- The format of the meeting was explained to the new music directors.
- Minutes from the September meeting were voted on and are ready to be posted on our website.
- Cheryl said she will share the annual review with Charlie Murphy.
- Back-to-school nights at MHS and Fowler were considered successful; MMA had a table at both events.
- MMA will share information about the bidding process with the new music directors.
- After discussion over whether to have paper or digital concert programs this year, it was decided to continue with paper and revisit this issue in late spring; concerns about going digital included whether advertisers needed to be told up-front, whether digital programs would encourage phone use in the time leading up to concerts, and some students may like to keep the paper version as a memento.
- Upcoming events include Pep Band, MHS Jazz Band at Downtown Trick or Treat, and the Veterans Day Parade.
- To accommodate Wind Ensemble rehearsals on Wednesday nights, MMA will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month rather than 7:00 p.m.

Secretarial Update:

- A content calendar has been created for everyone's input for social media postings and emails to parents/guardians and school administrators.

Webmaster Update:

- The Casino Night fundraising page is being worked on in the weeks leading up to the kickoff of Casino Night fundraising, and links will go live for purchasing vouchers by PayPal, cash or check, and for donating to the Give Butter campaign.

Treasurer update:

- Discussion ensued about the 22/23 budget and how items are categorized. The issue of purchasing hand warmers for Pep Band was raised.

Prepared and submitted by Sarah Johnson

- A motion was made to approve the budget for the 22/23 school year and seconded. Unanimous vote. All in favor: 6/6
- The summer donation to the Disney trip will be transferred to the trip account through the school.

Fundraising updates:

- Planning for Casino Night at the Elks on Nov. 12 is entering the final stretch, with requests to teachers and principals for some auction items and final communications for releasing voucher sales, in tandem with the Give Butter campaign.

Jazz Band Director Updates:

- The first MHS Jazz Band performance under the new director was successfully held at Sanctuary during MaynardFest.
- The band is working on fundamentals and developing skills.
- A master class will be explored for later in the school year.

Chorus Director Updates:

- MHS Chorus is working on scheduling for Christmastime. They are working through their first song, including music they will perform at Disney.
- Fowler Chorus (grades 4-5) has 47 students and will be meeting every other day during recess time. Grades 6-8 may not have chorus this year because of scheduling conflicts.

Band Director Updates:

- While some skills gaps are evident after the past two years, enthusiasm is high among students and they are continuing to improve.
- The MHS Band is on the younger side, with a large freshman class, and the first Pep Band performance was a learning experience as it was the first time some had ever played outside.
- An audition workshop may be held for those interested in theater.
- Dates of MHS band concerts for the rest of the year have been shared; grades 4-5 may have their first performance of the year in January.