

**Maynard Music Association
Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2023
7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.**

Present: Renee Lilly, Sarah Johnson, Cheryl Lucas, Rachel Leeuwis, Wouter 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

Chairs Updates:

- Minutes from the November 30 meeting were voted on and are ready to be posted on our website.
- The Senior Banquet is June 4, reserved at Sanctuary, and we can start sending out save the date information.
- The Disney trip fundraising phase is complete. The GoFundMe amount will be transferred from the MMA trip account to the Disney account with the school. Logistics are being worked through, including students' room assignments, T-shirt cost estimates, potential incidentals (i.e. unexpected bus costs over the budgeted amount), and a nurse/chaperone has been confirmed. An accompanist has been confirmed who will work with the Chorus. Required meeting for mid-March will take place for all Disney families.
- The Casino Night sponsorship banner was reviewed and approved.
- Cheryl proposed MMA board members attend School Committee meetings, on a rotating basis, and consider inviting Superintendent Hass to a future MMA meeting.
- The need for ongoing communication with parents was discussed with the music directors, who are looking into the best way of communicating outside of Aspen or creating separate distribution lists with families/students.
- MMA requested that the music directors provide performance dates for the rest of the school year as they become known.

Secretarial Update:

- Acknowledgement of Give Butter and other tax-deductible donations will be sent by January 31.
- The Scholarship Committee will need to be formed soon, with a new leader.

Webmaster Update:

- Headshots from directors for the About Us page were requested.

Treasurer update:

- The MMA main account totals \$39,572.
- Holiday Cafe was discussed: Total costs were \$667.42 with donations totaling \$373.90.

Jazz Band Director Updates:

- MMA needs the contract for the February 2023 BT ALC event, which may occur at Sanctuary, depending on space.
- A request was made for a portable amp, and a more formal bid will be forthcoming.
- BTALC events are scheduled for Feb. 8 and 15.

Chorus Director Updates:

- The Chorus Director is working on upcoming themes for 4th and 5th graders. She would like the MHS Chorus students to work on sight reading.
- A bid for teacher and student subscriptions to Sight Reading Factory was discussed, for a one-year total cost of \$182.
- A request was made for 24 ukuleles for 4th and 5th graders, at \$45 each (\$1,025 total not including tax).
- The lack of chorus instruction for 6th-8th grade students was discussed, along with the Fowler administration's support for having the Chorus director be a full-time position next year.

Band Director Updates:

- Overdue invoices were discussed for past bids.
- A bid was presented for maintaining school-owned instruments at Fowler (two flutes and one French horn) and one at MHS (one French horn). With proper maintenance these instruments should last several more years. The estimated cost of all instruments is \$1,280.
- A bid was requested for a \$16 electric piano cord for MHS.
- Chaperone/driver needs were discussed for upcoming Central Mass. Districts events (Senior Districts dress rehearsal and concert and 1 All-State in January; Junior Districts auditions in February).
- For upcoming performances, the June 9 graduation will include the Chorus and Band. MHS concerts will not be scheduled during the first full week in June because senior events tend to occur then.
- 6-8 graders will have an opportunity to perform at Great East, likely in late May.

Closed Session: Review Bids & Voting

Motion: A motion was made to allocate \$1,280 for four instrument repairs by David French Music.

Final vote: 6/6 in favor

Motion carried: Yes

Motion: A motion was made to allocate up to \$20 on a power cord.

Final vote: 6/6 in favor

Motion carried: Yes

Motion: A motion was made to allocate \$182 for a sight reading service subscription for one year, pending some additional information from the Chorus director.

Final vote: 6/6 in favor

Motion carried: Yes

Motion: A motion was made to allocate \$1,025 to the purchase of ukuleles for use by 4th-5th graders, with an understanding that MMA's support of this donation should be acknowledged.

Final vote: 6/6 in favor

Motion carried: Yes