

Maynard Music Association
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2023
7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Present: Renee Lilly, Sarah Johnson, Cheryl Lucas, Rachel Leeuwis, Matthew Truch, Melissa Sommer, Kevin Kozik, Julie Wisniewski, Alyssia Berghaus

MMA Officers:

Chairpersons: Cheryl Lucas & Rachel Leeuwis

Fowler Chair: Renee Lilley

Treasurer: Matthew Truch

Secretary: Sarah Johnson

Webmaster: Wouter Leeuwis

Secretary Update:

- Minutes from the February meeting were voted on and are ready to be posted on our website.

Scholarship Committee Chair update:

- Alyssia Berghaus introduced herself to the board; in addition to serving on the committee the past two years, she is a school counselor. She said she's in the process of confirming members and sending out the scholarship application by the end of March.

Senior Banquet update:

- A meeting was scheduled for March 9 to kickstart the planning.
- Wouter offered to help with the sound if needed.

Disney updates:

- The Disney Committee is finalizing the agenda with the travel agency and preparing for the March 23 mandatory meeting with students and families. MMA-purchased T-shirts will be distributed then.
- MMA's trip account can cover the cost of lanyards that will hold park passes.
- Polo shirts will be distributed ahead of the Disney trip and will also need to be worn at the Memorial Day parade.

Casino Night update:

- A meeting in early May will kickstart planning and will focus on board members' feedback about the 2022 event.

Webmaster update:

- Following some spoof emails sent to families that wrongly appear to be sent from MMA's email account, security changes were put in place. The next email newsletter will warn families about the emails.

Treasurer update:

- The main MMA account has a budget surplus, with a working balance of \$38,579.11; Tri-M has \$223.54, scholarships are fully funded; and the trip account has \$2,085.82.
- The BT ALC Big Band concert netted MMA \$729.15.
- MMA is going through the process of updating its MA Attorney General filing.

Chairs updates:

- Out of the 250 concert programs printed so far this year, 137 are left. Discussion about print vs. digital programs. The list of songs will still be shared at events but no additional printing of programs will occur. We could share the QR code to the program before events on social media for future events.
- MMA is continuing to pay attention to the school budget discussions and preparing to advocate for the music programs if that becomes necessary.

Band Director updates:

- Plans are being explored for showing the youngest musicians what the future looks like if they stay in the music program. Ideas include having the 4th and 5th graders listen in on the high schooler's May concert dress rehearsal. A summer enrichment program for the younger students may also be possible.
- A request was made to fund the fix of a bass clarinet to be used at the high school.
- Maynard's participation in this year's Great East Music Festivals on June 2 for grades 6-8 was discussed, with the first round of registration due in mid-March. MMA usually covers some portion of the student fees and transportation, depending on how much the school covers, and pays for the T-shirts. MMA usually collects money from families after paying for the festival's costs up-front.
- Recent bids from the Jazz Director were discussed: a guitar amp (the priority), bass amp, and ¼" cables.
- A senior showcase event that will include Wind Ensemble will take place April 4.
- The band will need to turn down a request to march with the Maynard Stow Baseball Softball players because of a busy schedule this spring (i.e., Disney).
- Information about Districts rehearsals and concert is forthcoming.

Chorus Director updates:

- The MMA-funded ukuleles will be used later this school year. A photo is available to share this update with families.
- This year's Pops Night will be a senior class fundraising event at Fowler in late April.

Closed Session: Review Bids & Voting

Motion: A motion was made to pay for the Great East deposit (half of estimated registrations).

Final vote: 6/6

Motion carried: Yes

Motion: A motion was made to pay \$10 per person for Great East, for a maximum of 65 students and 10 teachers/chaperones. (This reduces the per-person cost to \$55.)

Final vote: 6/6

Motion carried: Yes

Motion: A motion was made to pay for the Boss Katana-50 MKII guitar amp (\$269) and up to \$150 for amp covers and cables.

Final vote: 6/6

Motion carried: Yes

Discussion: MMA wants to know more information about the weight of the bass amp compared to what is being used now before approving that bid.

Motion: A motion was made to fund \$200 to repair a bass clarinet.

Final vote: 6/6

Motion carried: Yes

After the meeting, an online vote took place that unanimously approved paying for the \$100 registration fee for Great East.