

**Maynard Music Association
Meeting Minutes
November 30, 2022
7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.**

Present: Renee Lilly, Sarah Johnson, Cheryl Lucas, Melissa Raskin, Wouter Leeuwis, Matthew Truch, Daniel Chiasson, 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:

- Minutes from the November 2 meeting were voted on and are ready to be posted on our website.
- The Sanctuary has May 29 and June 4 open at the moment for the MMA Senior Banquet; MMA needs to coordinate with the music directors on the best date for everyone. (June 4 was chosen after the meeting.)
- MMA discussed holiday gifts for the teachers and decided to spend a total of \$200 and to disburse at MHS and Fowler concert events. Rachel is looking into gift card options.
- MMA discussed responding to Eleanor Nevala's family following several donations made in her name. Ms. Nevala was a Maynard Band Parent, and MMA donations were suggested in her obituary.
- Cheryl provided an update on the Disney trip, which is going through the final fundraising phase. The second phase of more detailed planning and training of chaperones will begin in the new year.

Secretarial Update:

- Acknowledgement of Give Butter and other tax-deductible donations will be sent by January 31.

Webmaster Update:

- Headshots from directors for the About Us page were requested.
- Wouter requested more storage space for photos (100GB for \$1.99/month), which is covered under the current budget.

Treasurer update:

- The MMA main account totals \$40,568.46. Given the Casino Night's net of \$10,413 and the Annual Appeal' \$12,495, MMA has a budget surplus of \$4,783.
- Cheryl proposed investing in new lawn signs, and Rachel asked the music directors to propose bids during the next meeting.

Fundraising/Casino Game Night wrapup:

- A thank you banner featuring the sponsors is in progress.
- Volunteers will be surveyed for any suggestions for next year's event.
- Feedback from attendees has been positive, with a recommendation that the details of the event could be better explained.
- The planning process for the 2023 Casino Night will begin when MMA meets in May, with the intent for more cohesive planning between the board and the Casino Night Committee.

Jazz Band Director Updates:

- MMA needs the contract for the February 2023 BTALC event, which may occur at Sanctuary, depending on space.
- Communications methods were discussed as families have expressed wanting more advanced information on concerts and dress requirements for planning purposes. Aspen presents unique challenges with how emails are sent to students and parents, and the music directors are considering alternative ways of creating distribution lists.

Chorus Director Updates:

- The director discussed upcoming events and preparation, including the potential need for chaperones when Madrigals and Wind Ensemble go to the State House.
- Volunteers to break down risers at Fowler December events may be necessary.

Band Director Updates:

- Senior Districts involved 10 auditions and three acceptances and one All-State recommendation. Rehearsals will take place in January.
- Junior Districts auditions are in February and students will be encouraged to participate for the experience of receiving feedback.
- MMA support for the December performances, such as passing out programs and providing beverages and desserts at the Holiday Cafe, was discussed. Some students will be helping out during the events to earn service points.