

Maynard Music Association
Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2024
7:30 p.m.-9:10 p.m.

Present: Cheryl Lucas, Rachel Leeuwis, Matthew Truch, Julie Wisniewski, Pam Sweeney, Sarah Johnson, Wouter Leeuwis, Melissa Sommer, Clayton DeWalt

MMA Officers:

MHS Chairpersons: Cheryl Lucas & Rachel Leeuwis

Fowler Chairpersons: Julie Wisniewski & Pam Sweeney

Treasurer: Matthew Truch

Secretary: Sarah Johnson

Webmaster: Wouter Leeuwis

Chair updates:

- Minutes from the November 29 meeting were voted on and can now be posted on our website.
- The rest of the tax deduction letters for Casino Night and Annual Appeal donations will be sent out by the end of January.
- The list of sponsors on the website has been updated on the website with links to the companies' websites.
- A suggestion was made to have a parent forum, for parents to ask MMA questions and perhaps attract volunteers. The board agreed to set aside time for this at the next meeting.

Lessons learned from the holiday concert:

- A minimal number of supplies (i.e. decorations) was needed because of purchases made the previous year, and food donations were ample.
- Some leftover food was offered to the Booster Club. We may lower the amount of food requested next time.
- Having the seating at a diagonal (24 tables; 8 chairs each) was preferred for enhanced views of the stage.
- A suggestion was made to have a staging table behind the serving table, for a cleaner appearance and more space for setting up and serving.
- Agreement was reached that decoration focused toward the stage is preferred versus decoration along the sides of the room.
- A suggestion was made to ask Mr. Kozik to share the registration link with families earlier on. For future registrations, a suggestion was made to be more clear whether to include students in the number of "tickets." Generally, the officers agreed that registration is preferred to have a sense of how many attendees to expect but checking people in at the door may not be necessary; we can instead make adjustments to seating in the moment.

Webmaster updates:

- Updates are in process for photos, the current site has hard coding and outdated images.

Treasury updates:

- MMA has \$51,474.82 in the main account, \$9,316.87 in the scholarship account, \$1,076.03 in the trip account, and \$226.26 in the Tri-M account.
- Last year's Great East bus bill was recently received and paid for.
- The donation drum has earned us \$429 so far.
- MMA has also received a few donations in memory of Louis Currier.

Jazz Band Director updates:

- The details of the Maynard Jazz Night at the MHS Auditorium on April 3 are being worked out, perhaps with three songs for each jazz band, including two arrangements by Felipe Salles. He will perform as well with his sextet and two special guests (Natalie Cressman and Nadje Noordhuis), and so will two Jazzhers ensembles. Breaks and a sound check will need to be built into the timeline. MMA will look into when the concert needs to end and how staging areas could be set up. MMA will also supply food per Mr. Salles' contract. A pre-concert clinic will likely occur at Fowler.
- Last year's concert charged \$10 per adult and \$5 for seniors and students while music students were free. A suggestion was made to not charge any students this year.

Chorus Director updates:

- The Senior Districts festival and All State auditions will occur in January, and Junior Districts auditions are in early February.
- The Chorus will participate in an MMA-funded workshop with Interlude Music.
- Concert dates were discussed and updated in the MMA events grid.
- Pops Night will again be a senior class fundraiser, and MMA can help advertise it.
- Options are being looked into for an enrichment event for the Band and possibly Chorus, such as a field trip or visiting performers.