

**Maynard Music Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 7, 2024**  
**7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Cheryl Lucas, Julie Wisniewski, Pam Sweeney, Sarah Johnson, Melissa Sommer, Brenda Waring, Mike Waring, Kerry Healy, Amanda Hemm, Melissa Raskin, Kevin Kozik

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:**

- The Maynard Jazz Fest is scheduled for June 15, and the Maynard High School Jazz Band has been invited to attend.
- Minutes from the January meeting were voted on and can now be posted on our website.
- MMA will consider a plan B for the location of the senior banquet as the Sanctuary is for sale and a contract has not been signed.

**MMA Forum:**

- The MMA co-chair welcomed parents, and encouraged them to share their opinions and ideas about MMA.
- Asked for feedback about MMA's communications, parents shared that they like the new email format but do sometimes miss emails because of their inundated inboxes. Emails that include a concert calendar tend to be opened and saved. One parent noted a preference for consistent concert start times.
- For events, a parent posed the question of how non-music families could be encouraged to attend, such as reaching out to members of the Community Band. It was mentioned that Fowler students are invited to attend the high school performances, but younger families may not always be aware that they could attend, too. Fowler students appreciate when mentor opportunities occur; any cross-grade relationships are appreciated, a parent noted.
- A suggestion was made to introduce Fowler concerts with an explanation of expected behavior, such as staying seated during a performance.
- A parent feels that she has not always been fully aware of the range of opportunities for her child, such as Districts. Mr. Kozik said Tri-M students are working on videos for first-year band students, and one of those videos could be targeted toward families (e.g., "how to be a band parent 101").
- The MMA co-chair reminded the forum attendees about the ways they can contribute to MMA, including Casino Night, the Senior Banquet, and the Scholarship Committee.

**Treasury updates:**

- We currently have \$47,181.53 in the main account, \$226.54 in the Tri-M account, \$9,325.50 in the scholarship account, and \$1,077.34 in the trip account.

**Chorus Director updates:**

- The Pops Night this year will be a senior fundraiser on Friday, April 26 at Fowler.
- The Chorus workshop with Interlude Music, for grades 6-12, is scheduled for March 28.

**Band Director updates:**

- Jazz & Wind Solo Ensemble concert will occur May 1, 6 pm, at MHS, and include a cafe-style intermission provided by MMA. Mr. Kozik will check in with the office on scheduling.
- For Great East Festivals on May 31, the \$400 registration fee, which MMA covers, is due now.
- For the Tri-M induction (tentatively March 21), a ceremony and music performances will take place at the high school.
- Mr. Kozik is looking into enrichment ideas and logistics, including a visiting chamber group for grades 7-12 (estimated cost: \$1,200-\$1,500) and a visit to the BSO for the high schoolers. Bus transportation cost could be less expensive for a trip during the day.
- A camp may be held in late August for incoming freshmen to acclimate them to band before school starts.
- The trip to DC needs to go through the approval process and will need to be communicated with current grades 8-11 when the time comes.

**Closed Session: Review Bids & Voting**

**Motion:** After the meeting, a motion was made online to charge \$10 per adult ticket and \$0 for all students (including college students and non-Maynard students) for Maynard Jazz Night, using Zeffy to track reservations.

**Final vote:** 7/7 in favor

**Motion carried:** Yes