

**Maynard Music Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 9, 2024**  
**7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Cheryl Lucas, Rachel Leeuwis, Wouter Leeuwis, Matthew Truch, Julie Wisniewski, Pam Sweeney, Sarah Johnson, Melissa Sommer, Kevin Kozik, 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:**

- The scholarship application has been shared with seniors.
- Senior Banquet planning updates: Because there will be no senior sleepover at the high school this year, the end of MMA's Senior Banquet can be flexible. Towels will be purchased as a keepsake rather than blankets. Equipment and stands will be picked up on the Friday before the event.
- MMA senior toppers are being assembled.
- So far School Committee budget talks for the 24-25 school year seem to be about a level-funded budget.
- A parent organization is being formed for theater, and MMA has shared our bylaws for their reference. MMA officers expressed interest in collaborating with this group when appropriate.

**Treasurer updates:**

- Maynard Jazz Night results: 135 tickets through Zeffy (including 43 free student tickets), and an additional 26 adult tickets cash at the door. The net cost of the event was \$1,426 (under budget), considering the cost of the performers and refreshments (\$2,792) and proceeds from ticket sales, Zeffy and drum donations, and water sales (\$1,365).

**Band Director updates:**

- Fowler Fine Arts Night will feature an instrument petting zoo for families to listen and learn about music in an interactive way. MMA will have a table at the event with information about private lessons and Assabet Summer Valley Music camp.
- The May 1 Solo & Ensemble Night will include a cafe portion after the event, which will feature the two jazz bands, Wind Ensemble, solo performances, and the Tri-M induction ceremony. A Cappella will be asked if they would like to perform as well.
- An MMA-funded visit by a chamber group was postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date.

- For the Great East Festivals trip, no more than 140 students and chaperones are expected to attend (127 students; 13 adults, including accompanist). Fowler and MHS will each contribute \$1,000 toward the bus costs.
- The MMA-funded BSO trip was “fantastic” and featured both classical and modern music and light show.
- Next year’s DC trip committee is still being formed, and quotes are being gathered from a few tour companies.
- A bid request was made for repairing a soprano sax and two clarinets at a total cost of \$330 by National Music. David French doing the repairs would cost \$410.

#### **Chorus Director updates:**

- A recent MMA-funded Interlude Music enrichment workshop included about 20 students and vocal improv.
- Ms. Sommer shared that she will not be continuing as a teacher in Maynard next year. MMA offered to write her a letter of recommendation.

#### **Jazz Band Director updates**

- Maynard Jazz Night was considered a success. Felipe Salles and his band appreciated the high level of audience enthusiasm, and the students were challenged by the music Mr. Salles arranged for them. WAVM’s help before the concert contributed to the sound quality. The MHS Jazz Band will perform the Coletrane song again with student solo performances in place of Mr. Salles’ solo.

#### **Closed Session: Review Bids & Voting**

**Motion:** A motion was made to have National Music repair three instruments for up to \$330.

**Final vote:** 6/6 in favor (Cheryl Lucas abstained)

**Motion carried:** Yes

After the meeting, a motion was made online to pay for three Dee buses to take students and chaperones to the Great East Festivals. MMA’s share for the event will cost approximately \$5,300 (accounting for ticket costs, parent income, school subsidy, parking, bus driver tips, and T-shirts). This amount is over the budgeted cost of \$4,000. When factoring in the schools’ contributions, tWilson Bus’s proposal would have cost MMA \$6,250 vs. Dee’s proposal of \$2,032.

**Final vote:** 5/5 in favor

**Motion carried:** Yes