

Maynard Music Association
Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2023
7:30 p.m.-9:15 p.m.

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

- Minutes from the August meeting were voted on and can now be posted on our website.
- Separate meetings with Mr. Kinney and Ms. York from August were discussed. Mr. Kinney noted that music is just as important as sports in his view. Fowler now has Chorus across all grades. He was receptive to MMA's suggestion to introduce the music directors and MMA during concerts, and also to having a "principal of the day" as a Casino Night prize. Ms. York also continues to be supportive of the music program. Takeaways from her meeting included plans to have incoming freshmen take a fine arts course (i.e., music, theater, etc.) and potentially another teacher who would be a theater expert.
- Charlie Murphy, who facilitates the Una F. Murray Family Trust, will be sent our annual report once it is voted on by MMA. Donations from this trust are winding down, and we expect one final donation this fall.
- Pep Band jackets are being ordered for the freshmen.
- Plans are underway for a new 6-foot MMA tablecloth to be used at Back to School nights and MaynardFest, with a saying along the lines of "supporting music students and programs." Goodies may be given away at the Fowler Back to School night to help promote Casino Night.
- MMA will go back to meeting on the first Wednesday of the month.

Casino Night planning update:

- Administrators have been invited to the event, with complimentary vouchers, and Ms. York plans to be a dealer.
- About \$2,100 in sponsorships have been raised so far.
- Plans for babysitting are on track but promotion is needed; a suggestion was made to make a babysitting-focused flyer for Fowler and Green Meadow families. Another suggestion: Add a checkbox on the Zeffy form when people purchase vouchers. Mr. Kozik is open to the rollover of service points for the next trip. Tri-M students may be motivated to volunteer by their need for service points as well.

Music Director updates:

Prepared by Sarah Johnson

- The music directors discussed December concert dates and considered moving the proposed Jazz Band concert date of December 6. Mr. Kozik confirmed Wind Ensemble and Madrigals will be performing at the State House on December 4.
- MMA requested contact and instrument information from the music directors for grades 4-8 and to confirm the information we have for the high school Band and Chorus students. The music directors may be able to confirm photo permissions for Fowler students if they can get that information from the Fowler office.
- Participation in the Great East Festivals for Fowler students is likely this year but another festival may be explored for high schoolers. The plans will depend on transportation costs and feedback from upperclassmen.
- MMA requested ideas for enrichment opportunities for later in the year.

Secretary updates:

- A draft of MMA's 22-23 Annual Report was voted on and approved unanimously, and can be posted on the website and filed with the state.
- The first email newsletter sent through Mailchimp is scheduled for later in the month.

Webmaster updates:

- The scholarship page has been updated to show appreciation for the Una F. Murray Family Trust.
- Headshots of MMA officers were requested.

Treasurer updates:

- The current balance of the MMA main account is \$ \$26,307.65 (\$24,954 after outstanding checks have been paid). The Scholarship account is at \$9,282.87, the Trip account is at \$1,070.87, and the Tri-M account is at \$225.16.