

Maynard Music Association
Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2023
7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

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

- Minutes from the October meeting were voted on and can now be posted on our website.
- MMA has received positive feedback about Casino Game Night. In total, 44 volunteers made the night possible. First pick of prizes was not always predictable as participants seemed to appreciate interest in trying something new versus basing their decision on the dollar amount of a prize. An after-event potluck for the committee is planned for November 7.
- This year's Casino Night involved more gamers (133 received chips versus 111 in 2022) but fewer table sponsors (17 versus 20). However, voucher prices and sponsor levels were higher (more of the table sponsors chose the \$500 level). The total amount earned and spent is still to be tabulated but expected to be better than last year, considering the higher prices and less money spent on programs and balloons. The Murphy family seemed appreciative of the thank you notes and gifts at their table.
- Next year's Casino Night will be November 2, 2024, pending reservation with the Elks and the gaming company.
- MMA's Give Butter/Annual Appeal has not received as much in donations as last year and will remain open until the end of the year, after a final push. A QR code at concerts and a note in the program could bring in more donations.
- The metal frames from the Casino Night lawn signs will be used for the senior lawn signs.
- The concert program is being built, and the music directors will need to review/update their bios. The program will include the Casino Night sponsors. Kudos for the program are being collected until November 15.
- Meeting attendees voted unanimously to invest in a \$250 MMA yearbook ad as we have done in past years.
- A tablecloth will be ordered once the new MMA logo is finalized and will ideally be ready for the November 30 concert.
- Plans were discussed for upcoming events; Pep Band needs volunteers to load instruments and keep an eye out for late arrivals. The Veterans Day parade needs four volunteers to hand out water and walk with the Marching Band.
- The music directors were thanked by MMA for participating in Casino Night.

Jazz Band Director updates:

- The current list of Jazz band events is accurate. The December 6 concert will begin at 7 PM, with a 6 PM call time and concert attire.
- The Holiday Stroll's concert at Sanctuary featuring the MHS Jazz Band, potentially some Fowler Jazz Band members, Wind Ensemble, and A Capella can begin at 6:30 PM. This time was confirmed after the meeting.

Chorus Director updates:

- The current list of chorals events is accurate.
- A request for potential enrichment sessions with Interlude Music may be made for Fowler and MHS Chorus, in addition to a concert with Women of Note. The details are being explored.

Band Director updates:

- A request will be made for new lyres for trumpets and trombones.
- MMA has requested a budget estimate for potential scholarships lessons; the Band Director will look into student interest in these lessons and check with the guidance department on the number of students who would qualify. "Limited scholarship funds are available" could be potential language to use when talking about lessons.

Post-Meeting Virtual Vote:

Motion: Upon a post-meeting request made by the Band Director, a motion by MMA was made to pay up to \$1,440 for repairs of 5 snare drums, 2 quad set, and 4 bass drums.

Virtual vote: 6/6

Motion carried: Yes