

Maynard Music Association
Meeting Minutes
November 29, 2023
7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Present: Cheryl Lucas, Matthew Truch, Julie Wisniewski, Pam Sweeney, Sarah Johnson, Wouter Leeuwis, 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 November 1 meeting were voted on and can now be posted on our website.
- Tax deduction letters for Casino Night and Annual Appeal donations will be sent out by the end of the year. The list of sponsors on the website needs to be updated with website links. A banner showing Casino Night sponsors will be displayed at all concerts.
- A drum donated by Danny Lucas will also be brought to concerts. The drum features the QR code to the MMA Annual Appeal/GiveButter link.
- The concert program is being printed in time for the first concert on November 30.
- Advertising will begin for reservations to the Winter Spectacular. The concert will feature all high school ensembles except jazz.

Webmaster updates:

- Updates to some photos will happen soon.
- MMA officers were asked to submit at least two update suggestions.

Treasury updates:

- MMA is up to date on its state filings with the Commonwealth Attorney General.
- MMA has \$51,884.99 in the main account, \$225.71 in the Tri-M account, \$9,299.85 in the scholarship account, and \$1,074.76 in the trip account.
- The net income for Casino Night totals \$13,374.25. Other donations for the year total \$7722.09 (from a third of the Una Frances Murray money, GiveButter, and other donations).
- MMA collected more Kudos for the concert programs, earning around \$450.

Jazz Band Director updates:

- Volunteer needs were discussed for preparing the auditorium for the Jazz Bands concert.
- The MHS Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble will perform at the Beacon Santa Telethon.
- May 1, 2024, is the desired date for this year's Jazz Cafe.
- A proposal for a clinic and performance involving the jazz bands and Felipe Salles was raised. Mr. DeWalt said he is an incredible arranger/composer who is very student-

centered and multicultural, having worked on music inspired by interviews with “Dreamers,” young adults brought to the US as children.

Chorus Director updates:

- Enrichment opportunities are being researched, with possible collaborations with Women of Note and Interlude Music.
- Madrigals will be caroling on December 22 to the three schools and possibly Camelia Gardens.
- MMA will recognize Cindy Blanchard at the high school winter Chorus concert in anticipation of her January retirement.
- Equipment needs for the December 2 concert at Sanctuary and the holiday parade were discussed among the music directors.
- MMA will provide pizza for Wind Ensemble and Madrigals students after their State House performance on December 4.

Band Director updates:

- The Fowler Band concert will likely be May 29. Great East will be May 31. The MHS Chorus and Band concerts will likely be May 21 and 23, respectively.
- The music directors agreed that June 2 would be the best date for the MMA Senior Banquet.
- Research for potential enrichment opportunities included a potential performance by chamber groups, which may cost around \$1,500. Students have asked if a trip to the Boston Symphony Orchestra is possible.

Closed Session: Review Bids & Voting

Motion: A motion was made to allocate up to \$4,000 across all music groups, including \$2,000 for a Jazz Band clinic and performance with Felipe Salles.

Final vote: 6/6 in favor

Motion carried: Yes