

Maynard Music Association
Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2024
7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Present: Cheryl Lucas, Rachel Leeuwis, Wouter Leeuwis, Matthew Truch, Julie Wisniewski, Pam Sweeney, Sarah Johnson, McKenzie Fournier, Kevin Kozik

MMA Officers:

MHS Chairpersons: Cheryl Lucas & Julie Wisniewski

Fowler Chairpersons: Pam Sweeney & Rachel Leeuwis

Treasurer: Matthew Truch

Secretary: Sarah Johnson

Webmaster: Wouter Leeuwis

MHS Chair updates:

- This was the first meeting held over Google Meet.
- The July minutes were unanimously approved and are ready to be posted online.
- The officers were requested to review the bylaws by mid-September, and a revised version will be forthcoming.
- MMA recently met with Ms. Fournier and was impressed with her outgoing nature and excitement about working with Maynard students and recruiting more students to the choral programs.
- Rachel and Pam met with Mr. Kinney, who continues to be very supportive of music. New this year is having two music rooms, with one set up for the elementary group (grades 4-5) and the other designed for use by grades 6-8. The Fowler chorus will no longer take place during lunch and will not be a music class for Band students in grades 6-8 and some students in Grades 4 and 5. He also approved the Principal for the Day prize to auction off.
- Julie and Cheryl met with Ms. York, who also continues to be very supportive of music. She will help us promote Casino Game Night in the high school weekly emails. She needs information by Fridays to include in the Sunday emails (special newsletter comes out on the 30th of each month). Madrigals will not be formed until half-way through the school year. It's anticipated that Chorus will be a small enough group to take on performances traditionally done by Madrigals (such as the visit to the State House).
- MMA is preparing for the Back to School nights, with a calendar of events, information about Casino Night, and a spinning wheel. MMA will also have a table at MaynardFest on October 5.

Webmaster updates:

- MMA is working on switching web hosting providers.

Secretary updates:

- The 23-24 Annual Review will be ready for officers to review in time for the next meeting.

Treasurer updates

- The MMA's main bank account currently has \$34,260; the Trip account has \$1,086; the Scholarship account has \$9,385; and the Tri-M account has \$228.
- The proposed budget for the 2024-2025 year is \$17,000 (last year's September budget was \$16,300 and we spent \$26,832 within the school year; purchases that do not fall under the budgeted total are voted on during the year).

Casino Game Night updates:

- Prizes and sponsors are coming in, with a couple Virtuosos already.
- Rachel will check the Fowler mailbox ongoing.
- Early bird pricing ends October 15.
- MMA needs to invite administrators and Charlie Murphy.

Chorus Director updates:

- The first high school Chorus meeting was held; 14 participants so far.
- Grades 4-5 will operate differently this year; they will learn Chorus songs as part of their music class and then students will be asked if they want to join the official Chorus which will take place during the morning WINN block.

Band Director updates;

- Fourth graders will get more time this year to learn about different instruments before making their choice. They will also have more singing opportunities than more recent grades. Fifth graders are split into more sections this year, so there will be more attention paid to specific instrument techniques and individual attention when possible.
- Most likely, grades 4-5 will perform separately from grades 6-8, so grades 4-5 will not likely be included in the MMA printed program.
- 8th graders will be strongly encouraged to participate in Pep Band this year although it is not a grade requirement.
- MMA is not needed to assist with the open house performance at the high school on October 1.
- MMA let the music directors know about an opportunity to perform at Camellia Gardens; Ms. Fournier said she would look into it from a Chorus perspective.
- The Fowler Band room has not been used because of mold concerns; this is predicted to be remediated soon.

DC trip updates:

- The committee is meeting and Mr. Kozik is coordinating the details with the tour company. The itinerary is being finalized and families will soon hear about estimated cost per person and how to prepare for the trip.

Closed Session: Review Bids & Voting

A motion was made to vote on the current budget, factoring in the additional cost of web hosting (approximately \$100 the first year; \$155 in future years) in the fees section and increasing the figure for enrichment. The motion: To approve the \$17,100 budget for the 2024-2025 year.

Final vote: 7/7 in favor

Motion carried: Yes

Post-meeting online votes:

After the meeting, prompted by a request from the Jazz Band Director, a motion was made online to purchase 3 copies of each version/key (C, Bb, Eb, Bass Clef) of Real Easy Books for the Jazz Bands (a total of 12 books for \$384).

Final vote: 4/7 in favor

Motion carried: Yes

After the meeting, prompted by a request from the Choral Director, a motion was made to purchase sheet music for the Fowler Choirs, totaling approximately \$300. Discussion included a request that future requests from music directors always consider the school budget first.

Final vote: 6/7 in favor

Motion carried: Yes