

Maynard Music Association
Meeting Minutes
October 2, 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, Clayton DeWalt

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:

- We decided to try new starting times for future meetings: 7:15 p.m. for officers and 7:45 p.m. for music directors. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 13, to accommodate for a safety meeting at the high school on November 6.
- The September meeting minutes were voted on and can be posted.
- Officers have reviewed the bylaws, and Cheryl and Rachel will do a final cleanup.
- MMA is participating in MaynardFest and will have a game, candy, and swag as we share information about the organization, music education in Maynard, and Casino Game Night.
- MMA is putting out a call for volunteers at Pep Band to get more parents involved, as at-large members.
- The service points program is being revisited and instead Tri-M members will be asked to provide volunteer hours as babysitters or helpers of Casino Night, and other students can help as well.
- The student lists are in good shape for the concert programs; students in grades 4-5 will be listed in a separate program created by the music directors. The music directors need to review or submit their bios. The choral groups will no longer list vocal parts as those may change throughout the year.
- The annual report was presented and will be voted on over email.

Band Director updates:

- Instrumental rental night is October 10. Thirty students have signed up so far.
- No date has been set yet for the Tri-M induction ceremony, but the plan is to hold it earlier than last year's ceremony, which occurred in the spring.

Jazz Band Director updates:

- The MHS Jazz Band will perform at the Downtown Trick or Treat, mainly songs from the Real Easy books. Middle schoolers can participate as well.
- The December Jazz Band concert is moving to December 11.

- Thirteen students are participating in the Fowler Jazz Band so far. In terms of instruments, Fowler is more balanced than the MHS band. Students can join at any time, and ideally they will encourage others to join. Mr. Kozik said he would mention the Jazz Band to Fowler families.

DC Trip updates:

- The DC trip planning is underway, with Suburban Tours as the trip company. Families will learn about the costs, payment timeline, insurance, and itinerary during a mandatory meeting on October 22. Families are being asked to commit by November 20.

Choral Director updates:

- Ms. Fournier expressed appreciation for the MMA-funded music for the Fowler program.

Casino Night updates:

- Over 20 sponsors have signed up to participate this year, and 26 vouchers have been sold so far, which is more than last year's total at this time.

Webmaster updates:

- Details are being worked out for a new web hosting service.

Treasurer updates:

- Small repairs for a drum were recorded.
- Taxes are due by the end of October.

Fowler updates:

- An MMA brochure may be useful for future Back to School nights. It is a busy night and tough to get families' attention. Another idea is to congratulate 4th grade families after their first concert, with a cookie or trinket signed by "Maynard music families."