

**Maynard Music Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 13, 2024**  
**7:15 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:**

- The October meeting minutes were voted on and can be posted.
- After Casino Game Night, an anonymous \$5,000 donation was submitted.

**Casino Game Night updates:**

- The banner with sponsor logos and names is being designed for the winter season. Those that donated \$500 or more will have their logos displayed, and those that donated \$300 will have their business name displayed. The officers expressed interest in having a larger banner this year, depending on the price.
- Tax donation letters will be sent out by the end of the year, and volunteers who worked with sponsors will send personal thank you notes if they have not already.
- The officers debated whether to have the next Casino Night on November 1 and November 8, 2025, and decided on the latter date; the Elks has confirmed this date is available, and we need confirmation from the casino games vendor.
- The list of sponsors on the website is being put together; this list does not include logos but does include a link for each business.
- Pizza Express donated pizzas to the event this year; in future years, we may want to put up signs thanking businesses for such donations.
- Materials for the annual concert program are being collected, with new photos from the music directors and a November 18 deadline for parents who want to submit Kudos. Ensembles and instruments need to be confirmed. The Casino Night sponsors will be shown on one page, similar to the concert banner. A new printer, Minuteman Press, may result in cost savings this year.
- Julie volunteered to work on the yearbook ad, with photos from Cris Antonio.

**Website updates:**

- Headshots of the officers were taken during Casino Night by Cris Antonio and are posted on the website.

- The fundraising page will be updated with new photos.
- The hosting change will occur by the end of the year.

#### **Treasurer update:**

- The federal return and registration with the state have been filed. The State Attorney General Form PC will be filed soon.
- The MMA has a budget surplus of over \$7,000.

#### **Music Director updates:**

- A date has not yet been chosen for Tri-M induction, and the process has not begun. Because this will not be done in time for the concert program, we may make an insert listing the new members in the spring program. The new students may take the oath earlier in the school year, with a ceremony taking place with duets and solos at a later date.
- The music program was invited to participate in the Maynard Holiday Stroll on December 7. The only music director available that night is Ms. Fournier, who said she will see if A Cappella would be interested in performing.
- The directors were asked if they need any additional support for the Senior Districts auditions but none is needed.
- Details about upcoming winter concerts were discussed, including timing. 7 pm was agreed upon as the ideal time to start concerts, whenever possible, for consistency. Wind Ensemble will not be performing in December for families; they are focused on the State House performance on December 20.
- Four parent volunteers was agreed upon as the ideal number for parades, including the Veterans Day parade.

#### **DC trip updates:**

- The Omella individual fundraiser is kicking off soon and will run for about two months.
- Some of the committee members will meet to discuss other fundraising opportunities.

#### **Enrichment requests/updates:**

##### **Choral director:**

- A request was made for a \$200/year subscription to MusicPlay Curriculum for 4th and 5th graders; Music Mosaic, a \$34.99 book for 6th-8th graders; and BandLab Lessons, a \$25 digital music creation program to be used for 6th-8th graders.
- A request may be made in the future for a better way to store students' folders at Fowler.
- The school budget covered items ordered earlier in the school year, such as bucket drums.

##### **Jazz Band director:**

- Ideas are being considered; no formal requests.

##### **Band director:**

- Mr. Kozik is considering a commissioned piece that may involve a consortium of local schools and may come from a composer from an underrepresented group, such as a jazz musician from Southern India. MMA could be asked to be the lead commissioner of this work, which could potentially be heard from other music directors at a state festival and be available for purchase.

#### **Closed Session: Review Bids & Voting**

A motion was made to vote on purchasing the MusicPlay Curriculum subscription for one year at \$200.

**Final vote:** 7/7 in favor

**Motion carried:** Yes

A motion was made to vote on purchasing the Music Mosaic book for \$34.99.

**Final vote:** 7/7 in favor

**Motion carried:** Yes

A motion was made to vote on purchasing the BandLab Lessons for \$5.

**Final vote:** 7/7 in favor

**Motion carried:** Yes

- Discussion occurred around winter season gifts to the music directors.
- The annual report (the final version was approved in an online vote) will be sent to Charlie Murphy.
- The MMA bylaws will be reviewed over the next month.  
A flyer on MMA will be worked on for next year's Fowler's families' benefit, and perhaps a small token will be shared with Fowler 4th grade families at an upcoming concert.
- A January meeting will be held with a small group to review the sponsorship spreadsheet.