

Maynard Music Association
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2025
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 December meeting minutes were voted on and can be posted.
- Some members of the Casino Night Committee will meet soon to assess the sponsor list.
- Cheryl will ask MHS the range of other scholarship payouts as MMA considers whether to adjust our dollar amounts or how many scholarships we award this school year. Rachel noted this year's senior class is much smaller than previous years.
- MMA is considering various options for where to hold the senior banquet (tentatively June 1) and will compare prices.
- Mr. Kozik recently sent instrument repairs to National Music.
- The officers discussed ideas for attracting more at-large members, such as designating grade-level representatives and starting a working document of people to invite to be at-large members.
- Officers agreed the first step toward collaborating over schedules with Boosters and Maynard Theater groups is to reach out with the music spring calendar.

Website updates:

- For website hosting, Wouter will inquire about WAVM's host to see if it would be a good fit for MMA's site.
- To update the "MMA at a Glance" file, Wouter will reach out to Patrick.
- Wouter will post the concert schedule Google doc on the MMA website.

Choral Director updates:

- The "Pyramid" concert planned for March was an idea raised by Green Meadow's music teacher, to include ensembles across the three schools and show the full picture of what the younger students can look forward to as they advance. The concert plan is to include third grade singers, eighth grade singers, MHS Chorus, and MHS Wind Ensemble. MMA will have a chance to introduce the organization during the concert.

Band Director updates:

- An official invite has not occurred for the Memorial Day parade yet but the Marching Band will likely participate.
- Because it's a trip year for the high schoolers, only Fowler students will be participating in an event like the Great East Festivals/Six Flags. The music directors are exploring alternative options this year, such as bringing in an educator to the school for a workshop-type event in addition to going to an amusement park.
- The music directors are helping participating students rehearse for Senior Districts; the concert is January 18. A school representative needs to be present at the rehearsals and performance. A sizable number of students are participating in Junior Districts auditions, and they may need help funding transportation.
- A request for funds may be made for the Honors Band event at UMass Amherst in February.
- The music directors may be interested in a field trip to the BSO, potentially depending on whether there is a vocal component and the cost of travel.
- A request was made for a new bass clarinet, approximately \$2,600, that would be owned by the school and available for use by a student in grades 6-12.
- The music directors are considering ideas for a relaxation/meditation event with Wind Ensemble or choral students, potentially during an exam week.

DC Trip planning updates:

- The 2nd payment due date is January 15.
- The first DC trip pizza fundraiser night had a successful turnout but staff resources were limited. Maynard Pizza & Bar has offered to continue the fundraiser for the rest of January and continue the 10% return on proceeds.

Jazz Band Director updates:

- May 14 will be the spring concert for both MHS and Fowler Jazz Bands.
- He is considering possibilities for bringing in a special guest to work with the students who could work on improvisation, sight reading, or something else.
- Maynard Education Foundation has expressed interest in a small group of students, potentially the MHS Jazz Band, participating in the Taste in May.

Treasurer updates:

- Annual filings (taxes and attorney general forms) are complete.
- Drum donations for the Winter Spectacular totaled \$308.
- A question was raised about amortizing the cost of the bass clarinet but MMA's books are accounted for on a cash basis.
- Officers suggested more cost-effective alternatives to Six Flags, such as Canobie Lake Park or Kimball's.