

Maynard Music Association
Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2025
7:15 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Present: Cheryl Lucas, Matthew Truch, Julie Wisniewski, Pam Sweeney, Sarah Johnson, MacKenzie 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:

- The January meeting minutes were voted on and can be posted.
- Officers are asked to look at a spreadsheet of potential at-large members as MMA works to improve succession planning. This includes potential responsibilities, such as grade-level representatives and minimum expectations. These members could split their responsibilities (i.e., act as co representatives for their child's grade).
- The scholarship application was reviewed and wording changed to allow for flexibility for the number of scholarships awarded each year. Officers will vote on whether to increase the dollar amounts via email.
- Research is ongoing for a senior banquet location as Sanctuary's rates have increased. Sutra, Rod & Gun Club, and 110 Grill are possibilities.

Choral Director updates:

- A request was made for MMA to supplement funding of guitars for grades 7 and 8 general music classes. Fowler has agreed to cover the cost of 20 full-size guitars and other related supplies. MMA is being asked to pay for 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ size guitars from West Music, at \$103.46 each (\$1,241.52 total). Fowler has about 10 other working guitars that can also be used.
- The upcoming Pyramid Concert, which includes students from all three schools, will occur at the high school. MMA may help direct students new to the high school to the entrance. Performing students may not sit in the auditorium, so that there's enough seating for family members.
- A Cappella recently participated in the "Ice Cappella, an event held by Concord Carlisle.

Band Director updates:

- Maynard Education Foundation has asked if the MHS Jazz Band would like to participate in this year's Taste. MMA will ask Mr. DeWalt.
- The Tri-M application process is about to begin and will include eighth graders this year. Then, by the fall, all high schoolers who want to be members will have been inducted.

- Maynard's participation in the UMass honors program will be postponed until next year. The agreement to share transportation with another school fell through.
- The music directors are working on clinicians who can run a workshop with the 6-8th graders before a trip to Six Flags. Fowler will cover \$1,000 of the transportation costs. Canobie Lake was raised as an option, but students seem to prefer Six Flags.
- The request for a bass clarinet has been withdrawn. MMA will receive an invoice for recent school-owned instrument repairs.

DC trip planning update:

- The music directors are looking for a replacement for the University of Delaware. The chaperone list is being finalized. Final payment amounts are being calculated.

Closed Session: Review Bids & Voting

A motion was made to vote on funding the 12 requested $\frac{3}{4}$ size guitars for a total of \$1,241.54..

Final vote: 5/5 in favor

Motion carried: Yes

Post-meeting Online Vote

A motion was made to supplement funding of two buses to Six Flags for Fowler Band/Chorus students on June 5. MMA's portion will be \$1,910, and Fowler will cover \$1,000 of the cost.

Final vote: 5/5 in favor

Motion carried: Yes