

Maynard Music Association
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2026
7:15 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Present: Cheryl Lucas, Pam Sweeney, Sarah Johnson, Rachel Leeuwis, Wouter Leeuwis, Matthew Truch, Melissa Caless, Samantha Schulz, Kevin Kozik, Kevin Murphy

MMA Officers:

MHS Chairpersons: Cheryl Lucas & Pam Sweeney

Fowler Chairpersons: Rachel Leeuwis & Melissa Caless

Treasurer: Matthew Truch

Secretary: Sarah Johnson

Webmaster: Wouter Leeuwis

Chair updates:

- January minutes have been approved and can be posted.
- The Senior Banquet date is set for May 31, and seniors and parents will be sent a “save the date” note. The school has the date noted as well.
- Rachel went over analysis of the Casino Night attendee list, noting a gap with Fowler parents. Recommendations include surveying parents to see what they would be interested in for a fundraising event; talking to Fowler parents who did attend to help with word of mouth; better promote the early bird special; surveying parents when they sign up with Zeffy and offering a raffle prize as incentive; encouraging music directors to promote Casino Night; promoting the event the day of even if we need to turn some people away.
- Other ideas raised for a successful Casino Night, in terms of dollars raised, include reducing the number of prizes and exploring the option of holding the auction online in the days leading to the event to potentially draw interest from sponsors. More information is needed on where the bulk of revenue comes from besides sponsors.
- Mailchimp is raising its rates; MMA has been using the email distribution service for free and will now need to pay \$11 per month (this is the discounted rate for nonprofits). Constant Contact, another popular email service, has a similar cost. A motion was made to keep the Mailchimp for distribution of the newsletter at \$11 per month. The 6/6 vote passed.
- We will include the music directors in the distribution of future newsletters.
- Snazzy Signs has donated \$1,400 to MMA after agreeing to give \$10 for every “Mayenard” T-shirt sold.
- The 2025 tax filings have been submitted.

Band Director updates:

- For the BSO open rehearsal field trip, 80 people are estimated to attend (65 Band students, 15 Chorus students, 7 crossovers, 4 adults). \$2,500 for transportation and \$800 for tickets. Depends on nurse availability.

- Dates are being discussed for the spring concerts; the schedule is tight with the MHS musical occurring in May this year.
- Wind Ensemble will perform at the Tri-M ceremony and is looking into another performance for later in the school year.
- A proposal may be made for instrument repairs.
- The cost of producing practice tracks and transcriptions of Band music is being explored.
- The Disney Trip Committee is being formed. Options are being explored for the Chorus, which may be too small for the Disney program so Universal Studios may be explored. The first family meeting will take place Wed., April 8th, so the MMA meeting scheduled for that night will need to be rescheduled.

Fowler Choral Director updates:

- Grades 6 and 7 are working on similar material while grade 8 is working on a separate curriculum. Mr. Kozik recommended that all three grades participate in the Spoons event.
- The UML Choir event may be explored in the future. A chorus event in Littleton depends on students' interest. Open rehearsals are being explored as well.
- The Rainers event went well and may be repeated in future years.

MHS Choral Director updates:

- Mr. Murphy reported a successful start to his tenure so far with 15 students; they are working on about seven songs and exploring the music library. He is encouraging a joyful experience and would like to recruit more students.
- Enrichment ideas being explored include workshops and visits to local choral groups, such as an upcoming Sounds of Stow concert in Littleton. Transportation costs could be minimal.

Amended vote:

- A motion was made to amend a previous vote agreeing to collaborate with the Maynard Theater Association on the cost of stage skirting for the extension of the performance area in the MHS auditorium. The cost has increased by \$10 to \$165.
- 5 out of the 6 officers present voted yes; the motion passes.