

**Maynard Music Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 18, 2025**  
**7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.**

**Present:** Rachel Leeuwis, Wouter Leeuwis, Cheryl Lucas, Matthew Truch, Pam Sweeney, Sarah Johnson, Melissa Caless, Julie Wisniewski, Laura Bibbo

MMA Officers:

MHS Chairpersons: Cheryl Lucas & Julie Wisniewski

Fowler Chairpersons: Pam Sweeney & Rachel Leeuwis

Treasurer: Matthew Truch

Secretary: Sarah Johnson

Webmaster: Wouter Leeuwis

**Voting of officers:**

Minutes need to reflect who the officers of MMA are each year:

- Cheryl Lucas has a two-year term as MMA HS Chair/Co-chair of MMA ending June 2026. She is listed as President with the state.
- Julie Wisniewski has a two-year term as MMA HS Chair/Co-chair and is stepping down as of June 2025.
- Rachel Leeuwis has a two-year term as Fowler Chair/Co-chair of MMA ending June 2026.
- Pam Sweeney has a two-year term as Director/Fowler Co-chair ending June 2025. She is listed as Director with the state.
- Matthew Truch has a two-year term as Treasurer of MMA ending June 2026. He is listed as Treasurer with the state.
- Sarah Johnson has a two-year term as Secretary/Clerk of MMA ending June 2025. She is listed as Clerk with the state.

**Open positions:**

- Open - Secretary - Sarah Johnson
  - I would like to renew my term for Secretary/Clerk. I have served in this role for the past four years. I would like to build on what I have learned to get the new scholarship committee chair and liaison situated for the new year, to improve our communication with families and students (always room for improvement!), and help MMA support the new Chorus director and our existing directors. I look forward to a strong 2025/26 school year!
- Open - MHS Co-Chair - Pam Sweeney
  - I am interested in the High School Co-Chair position. I have served as Co-Chair for the Fowler School for two years and it is with mixed emotions that my son is moving on from Fowler to attend AMSA next year (my son stated that the biggest

thing he will miss about Fowler is the band class). As a parent of a rising Sophomore who is heavily involved in Maynard music, I would like to continue to support the MMA in whatever ways I can. As High School Co-Chair, I hope to help the MMA on board the new Chorus director, support the returning directors, and build up the MMA at-large base in order to connect with more music families and think about both short-term and long-term needs (i.e. succession plans). I have absolutely loved being a part of MMA and am looking forward to the new school year and beyond!

- Open - Fowler Co-Chair: Melissa Caless
  - I am interested in the Fowler Co-Chair position. I grew up in Maynard and happy to be raising my 2 daughters here as well. Addie is currently a freshman and plays percussion in the MHS Band. Chloe is currently in 6th grade and plays trumpet in the Fowler Band and is in chorus. I was a chaperone on the DC trip this year and would like to be more involved with MMA and this fantastic music program.

#### **Motions:**

1. **Make a motion to elect Sarah Johnson as MMA Secretary for a two-year term, ending in June 2027. This position will be listed as “Clerk” with the Change of Directorship with the Commonwealth.**
  1. Seconded: Yes
  2. Did motion carry + final result - All in favor (9/9)
2. **Make a motion to elect Pam Sweeney as Maynard High School Chair/Co-chair for a two-year term, ending in June 2027.**
  1. Seconded: Yes
  2. Did motion carry + final result? All in favor (9/9)
3. **Make a motion to elect Michelle Caless as Fowler Chair/Co-chair for a two-year term, ending in June 2027.**
  1. Seconded: Yes
  2. Did motion carry + final result - All in favor (9/9)

#### **MHS Chair updates:**

- The May meeting minutes were voted on and can be posted.
- Julie was recognized for her two years serving as an MMA officer. She will still be involved as an at-large member.
- To balance out the MHS/Fowler listed as MMA officers with the state, Rachel will now be listed as “Director” with the Change of Directorship with the Commonwealth.
- Fowler is in the process of interviewing candidates for the open Chorus Music position. MMA is participating in the interviews.
- Plans were discussed for the Maynard JazzFest. The Jazz Bands may also participate in the Farmer’s Market over the summer.
- The officers discussed dates for an end-of-year celebratory, in-person get-together.

- Rachel will look for testimonials from past scholarships that can be used on the website.
- MMA will be participating in MaynardFest this year and has reserved a table.

**Treasurer updates:**

- MMA currently has \$6737.92 in the main checking account, \$557.12 in the Tri-M account, \$39,616.77 in the "Scholarship" account, and \$1099.40 in the Trip account. Note that the large sum in the Scholarship account is so that we can accrue interest. After all outstanding transactions clear, we expect to have \$6960.04 in the main account.
- The fiscal year will end with slightly less than we started with. This was noted as a positive as we have been under-spending the past few years.
- The "Banquet" category (which includes all expenses related to seniors throughout the year) spent \$3561.91, higher than the \$3000 budgeted.
- Enrichment expenses totaled \$2094.72 (original budget of \$3000), because we didn't have a large performance event like we often do.
- "Great East" was much cheaper this year. Total MMA cost ended up being \$1814.54.
- The donation drum collected more than \$500.

**General discussion:**

- Officers discussed the potential for revisiting the meeting format when music directors are involved to keep them engaged. Some ideas: Have one meeting centered around enrichment requests. Hold business-related meetings every other month. Keep the meeting before a busy season focused on event planning. We may need to meet with the Jazz Bands director one-on-one if his schedule continues to be limited.
- Discussion ensued over how students involved in A Cappella but not Chorus should be included in MMA senior activities if at all and whether Chorus should more formally be a requirement to be involved in A Cappella, which is a student-run organization. MMA will discuss this at a future meeting.
- Another idea raised is whether an MMA volunteer could be dedicated to scheduling (i.e., MMA Scheduling Coordinator).