

Maynard Music Association
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2025
7:15 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Present: Rachel Leeuwis, Wouter Leeuwis, Cheryl Lucas, Matthew Truch, Pam Sweeney, Sarah Johnson, Rose Begin, Melissa Caless, Julie Wisniewski, Melissa Raskin, Patrick Connors, Amanda Ray, Laura Bibbo

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:

- June and August minutes were approved and can be posted
- MMA officers had a nice introductory meeting with Ms. Schulz at the start of the school year.
- MMA officers met with Mr. Kinney, who continues to support music programs at Fowler. They talked about how MMA can support and bringing Ms. Schulz up to speed on planning concerts. He also gave his approval for a "Principal of the Day" prize at Casino Night. The school will work with the students this school year on understanding concert etiquette. Music news for Tiger Tales should be shared early in the week for inclusion in the Friday newsletter.
- Rachel will create a signup spreadsheet for MMA's table at MaynardFest. Pam will order swag. We are sharing the table with the Maynard Theater Association.
- MMA is considering selling MMA spirit wear this year and is considering more than one vendor.

Casino Game Night updates:

- Teachers and staff will receive a digital invite giving the ability to purchase vouchers or volunteer to be a dealer.
- The Elks has been confirmed, with the same pricing. Alumni musicians will be performing. We are looking for a new auctioneer.
- Multiple virtuosos have been confirmed so far.
- The committee has started collecting donations for grade-level grade baskets, and each donation needs to be carefully recorded for the raffle prize to be revealed at Maynardfest. These will be recorded in our admin spreadsheet.

Music director updates:

- MMA will share our student list with the music directors so we can have the most current list of names, instruments, and parts. Signups are underway for the youngest grades (4-5), and MHS Chorus has not yet begun.
- Mr. Kozik and Ms. Schulz said they will share information about Fowler Jazz Band with students.
- The 4th grade instrument night will be Monday, September 29, and the Wind Ensemble musicians may help with the presentation. MMA could participate as well to share information about the organization.
- The scheduling of events is being finalized and will include a Jazz Band concert and MHS holiday concert in December, with the MHS Concert Band's first concert likely occurring in January.
- The first Pep Band will take place September 12, with the band in the usual place on the track but parents will need to stay outside the fence.
- No MMA support is needed at the Choose MHS event in October.
- The Jazz Band will perform at Downtown Trick or Treat on October 30, 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
- Music directors were encouraged to consider any requests they may have for materials or enrichment activities.
- Mr. Kozik is looking into BSO rehearsals and a potential workshop with a brass group toward the end of the school year. Mr. DeWalt is also looking at workshop options for the fall.
- Mr. Kozik is starting the process for a Disney trip in the 26/27 school year. A trip committee will need to be formed, the School Committee will need to be informed, and fundraising needs to start early.
- Ms. Schulz will look into options for caroling, perhaps during school time at Fowler as there is high interest from students for such an opportunity.
- MMA will post the list of fall/winter concerts when it's finalized.

Treasurer update:

A proposed budget was presented and was passed by the 11 people present:

- Banquet/senior-related activities: \$3,000
- Enrichment: \$2,000
- Scholarships: \$6,000
- Great East: \$3,000
- Fees: \$600
- Instruments: \$0
- Repairs: 1,000
- Misc: \$1,000