

Maynard Music Association
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2025
7:15 p.m.-8:45 p.m.

Present: Cheryl Lucas, Pam Sweeney, Sarah Johnson, Melissa Caless, Heather Becton, Rachel Leeuwis, Wouter Leeuwis, Melissa Raskin, Laura Bibbo, Clayton DeWalt

MMA Officers:

MHS Chairpersons: Cheryl Lucas & Pam Sweeney

Fowler Chairpersons: Rachel Leeuwis & Melissa Caless

Treasurer: Matthew Truch

Secretary: Sarah Johnson

Webmaster: Wouter Leeuwis

Casino Game Night updates:

- The new banner will be printed in time for the first concert.
- Thank you cards are being made now, and tax donation letters will be sent by mid-January.
- A thank you post will be shared on social media.
- Lawn signs have been collected; some new holders may need to be ordered.

Chair updates:

- The October minutes have been approved and can be posted.
- The concert series program will be designed in Canva. MMA is working on getting senior photos to include in the program. The program will include recognition of Zildjian, which donated \$2,000 worth of equipment at the end of the 2024-25 school year.
- MMA accepted two \$2,500 donations, from the Murray/Murphy and McDonald family and their friends Bill and Heidi Schumacher.
- A holiday gift budget of \$350 was unanimously approved for the music directors, the same amount as last year. How this will be dispersed will be decided later.
- MMA will recognize the seniors at the last Pep Band with balloons and blow-up music instruments for a photo as the band did not play during the Senior Night football game in October. We will also ask the announcer to read off the seniors' names during halftime.
- MMA was invited to the Maynard Theater Association's November meeting. Cheryl reported that some collaborative opportunities were raised, such as advocating for protecting the section of the MHS building used by WAVM and the performing arts groups. Currently outside groups that use these spaces do not need to sign a contract. Another issue was raised was the state of the pianos. Representatives of the various parent organizations will walk together at the holiday parade. Melissa Caless will ask Mr. Basile if he would like to be involved in future joint meetings.
- The music directors agreed to Sunday, May 31, 2026 for the senior banquet.

Jazz Bands Director updates:

- Logistics for the December 10 concert was discussed.
- Mr. DeWalt will not be available for the telethon weekend but will encourage the MHS Jazz Band to perform if needed.
- MMA will look into the possibility of the MHS Jazz Band performing at Sanctuary on the same day as the Holiday Stroll.
- He will look into opportunities to visit Fowler students in the new year, if the schedule allows, to encourage participation in Jazz Band.
- Ideas are being explored for visiting instrumentalists, such as a saxophone player to work closely with the woodwinds and demonstrate different sounds.

Band Director updates (Mr. Kozik shared these updates via email):

- Fowler's December 9 concert will include Band students in grades 5-8. The 4th grade Band students will perform in the spring.
- The Tri-M induction ceremony will take place in March.
- The Disney trip for 2027 was approved by the School Committee, and fundraising will begin soon.
- The Boston Symphony Orchestra open rehearsals are being considered for a field trip, at a total estimated cost of \$2,300 (\$10 per ticket for 80 people and around \$1,500 for transportation).
- MMA decided to hold off on voting for the BSO figure, waiting for Casino Night fundraising totals.