

Maynard Music Association
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2025
7:15 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Present: Cheryl Lucas, Pam Sweeney, Sarah Johnson, Rachel Leeuwis, Wouter Leeuwis, Julie Wisniewski, Matt Truch, Kevin Kozik, Samantha Schulz

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:

- November minutes have been approved and can be posted.
- 21 Kudos were collected for the 2025-26 concert program. The printouts and the new banner with our 2025-26 sponsors will be ready for the first concert. This is the first time the program was designed in Canva. MMA is missing some parents' contact information and will see if their schools can fill in the gaps. MMA is looking into posting a PDF version of the program on the website.
- Rachel will put together MMA's yearbook ad. The \$265 cost for the ad was unanimously approved.
- Logistics for upcoming events was discussed. New this year is a parent helping A Cappella as they carol during the Holiday Stroll. 1-2 parents needed to during the Jazz Band performance at the Maynard Trust Building. MMA will be collecting and returning equipment and stands for the Jazz Bands. Four parents are needed to support the Marching Band at the parade. One MMA person may walk with a float with members of the MTA and MEF.
- The upcoming concerts were discussed. Capacity is a concern for the Fowler concert, which will feature grades 5-8 Band students and 4-8 Chorus students. In the past, the concerts were split up along elementary school lines but that is not possible this year as grades 5 and 6 are working together in Band. (195 students in total are expected to attend; the Fowler Auditorium capacity is 575.) To accommodate, the concert will run on staggered times, with the Band portion starting at 6:30 PM and the Chorus portion beginning at 7:15 PM. MMA will ask Chorus-only families to wait in the cafeteria to minimize the risk of overcrowding. Mr. Kinney is going to share tips on concert etiquette with families in his Friday email newsletter.
- Tri-M students will be asked to help with the Fowler concert and for decorating the Winter Spectacular.

Band Director updates:

- Wind Ensemble may rehearse later on Monday, December 8 or at Fowler to accommodate for the rescheduled NHS induction.
- MMA will provide pizza for about 45 people when Wind and Chorus return from the State House performance on December 15.
- No MMA support is needed at the Fowler dress rehearsal.
- The Concord Band Director has expressed interest in collaborating with the MHS Band in the future as other districts have had similar experiences.
- Other enrichment activities being considered: a trip to a BSO performance with Chorus and Band, and participation in the UMass Amherst Honors Band.

Fowler Chorus Director updates:

- An estimated 60 students are involved in grades 6-8 Chorus.
- The grades 6-8 Chorus will be invited to sing at an upcoming Railers game. Details are being worked out.
- The Fowler Chorus Director is also considering a visit to see professional singers although it may be during a vacation week.

Treasurer updates:

- Total expenses for Casino Game Night (\$5,450), an increase of about \$500 compared to last year.
- Voucher sales total (\$5,170) were similar to last year but fewer people attended overall.
- Gross income of the event: \$18,963; net income: \$13,505.
- Donations from GiveButter, the Murphy family, and other donations: around \$11,000
- Grand total raised in our fundraising season: \$30,563
- Federal taxes have been filed but state taxes are outstanding.
- MMA will review the list of Casino Night attendees to assess how many community members vs. parents attended and MHS vs. Fowler.

Post-meeting vote:

- A motion was made for MMA to provide up to \$1,500 in enrichment funds as a one-time allocation for an 18-week period (the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year) toward the MHS chorus program. These funds will no longer be available to the MHS chorus program after June 2026. During this 18-week period, MMA will meet with school administration to ensure there are actionable steps in place, as well as reasonable timelines, toward the changes needed for recruitment and retention of a new MHS chorus director.
- Changes initiated by the school could include any/all of the following: increasing the funds put toward the stipend for the 2026-2027 school year, revising the schedule, continuous internal recruitment, advocating for a stipend increase in the next union contract negotiations. MMA's role here is to advocate at the MHS administrative level and, potentially, at the level of the superintendent's office.
- **12 yes votes; motion passes**