

Maynard Music Association
Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2024
7:15 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Present: Cheryl Lucas, Rachel Leeuwis, Wouter Leeuwis, Matthew Truch, Julie Wisniewski, Pam Sweeney, Sarah Johnson, McKenzie Fournier, Kevin Kozik, Clayton DeWalt

MMA Officers:

MHS Chairpersons: Cheryl Lucas & Julie Wisniewski

Fowler Chairpersons: Pam Sweeney & Rachel Leeuwis

Treasurer: Matthew Truch

Secretary: Sarah Johnson

Webmaster: Wouter Leeuwis

MHS Chair updates:

- The November meeting minutes were voted on and can be posted.
- Casino Game Night: The sponsor banner has been ordered, and social thank you posts have been posted. The sponsor names are also on the MMA website. Some Casino Night committee members will meet in January to go through the sponsor list. Laura is training to design next year's program in Aly's place.
- The concert program is being printed and includes 22 Kudos. Parents reacted positively to the submission extension.
- Julie is working on the yearbook ad, which will include photos of seniors in Chorus and Band.
- Gift cards for the music directors at the winter concerts were discussed.

Webmaster updates:

- MMA is in the process of using a new website host. Signing up for three years will decrease the monthly cost by \$3.88 a month.
- Officer headshots were added to the webpage.
- A PDF about MMA is about five years old and needs updating.

December concert updates:

- MMA officers shared their availability for upcoming performances.
- A Cappella is participating in the Maynard Holiday Stroll on December 7, starting at 6 pm.
- Ms. Fournier is in contact with Camelia Gardens about a potential performance later in the school year.
- Fowler concerts: For the grades 4-5 December concerts, the music directors will remind families about concert etiquette. The grades 6-8 concert will occur at the high school and requires extra reminders for families.

- MMA will request a table for concerts from the custodians, including table setup for the Winter Spectacular.
- MMA is providing pizza after the Wind Ensemble's performance at the State House. Bus transportation cost is covered by the school.
- Details for the Jazz Band concert were discussed; MMA will help with setup. The scheduling conflict that arose between a sports awards ceremony and rehearsal was discussed.

DC trip updates:

- The list of students going has been finalized. Fundraisers are underway, and the itinerary is being finalized with Suburban Tours.

Enrichment requests:

- Ms. Fournier thanked MMA for approving her past requests, including curriculum materials for grades 4-5. Her past request for a folder cabinet was fulfilled by Mr. Kozik. She will be seeking feedback from the choral students' on the program's direction.
- Mr. Kozik is considering options for a commissioned piece that could be of interest to outside educators, and would ideally be ready for a performance in February 2026. He raised the idea of MMA potentially covering some of the transportation costs of MHS students participating in the UMass Amherst Honor Band by splitting the cost with another school. The event would occur within one day, and parents would drive students home.
- The music directors agreed that sharing the Senior Districts results in the principal email would be a good idea.

Treasurer updates:

- Annual taxes are in the process of being completed, and a state form will be finalized soon.
- MMA has four bank accounts; the treasurer will move some of the funds out of the checking account to savings, to maximize interest potential.