

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

Present: Cheryl Lucas, Matthew Truch, Pam Sweeney, Sarah Johnson, Melissa Caless, Melissa Raskin, Amanda Ray, Laura Bibbo, Samantha Schulz, Jeannette Jones, Kevin Kozik, 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:

- Sponsors continue to sign up; vouchers are on sale.
- At-large members are asked to encourage volunteers to sign up for day-of time slots or food donations.

Chair updates:

- September minutes were approved and can be posted.
- The Maynard Theater Association has invited MMA to a future meeting to discuss ways the organizations could collaborate, such as how the lobby by the auditorium helps to encourage interest by students and parents in the two programs.
- MMA will start promoting Kudos, for parents to include a special note in the concert program, with a deadline of November 21 to sign up.
- Upcoming plans for Pep Band and volunteers were discussed. (MMA has plans for a “senior night” but this was postponed when the football senior night was moved to a Thursday.)
- MMA is considering vendor options for selling spirit wear and decided to revisit the topic after the fundraising season, for a possible sale in the new year.
- The 2025-26 Annual Review was discussed and approved unanimously, pending updated dollar figures by Matt.

MHS Chorus Director updates:

- Dr. Jones introduced herself to MMA. She shared that she is a music “nerd” who has always had music in her life; she has studied and taught music history, played cello, and most of her performances have been vocal. She is currently singing with a choir.

Jazz Bands Director updates:

- Logistics for the Downtown Trick or Treat was discussed. (This event was later canceled due to weather.)

- Ideas were discussed for encouraging more participants. MMA and the band director said they will communicate more widely that students can still join, including the Fowler principal's newsletter. Mr. DeWalt may visit Fowler during the day if the schedule allows. Ms. Schulz suggested the jazz band could play for Chorus students later in the year.

Band Director updates:

- Upcoming events and tentative dates were discussed. The Veterans Day parade will need three to four parent volunteers. Only trumpet players will perform if it rains.
- The 2025/26 student list is being updated. The list needs to be finalized by November 12 for the concert program to be printed by the first concert.
- A BSO field trip may be a possibility in the new year.
- The Disney Committee will be formed after the trip is proposed to the School Committee. A potential scheduling conflict with a school trip to Europe was raised.

Fowler Chorus Director updates:

- Ms. Schulz said she looked over the MMA's Annual Review to understand what MMA has funded in the past. She may request an accompanist for the concerts if that has not been covered previously by the school. She will inquire about what has been done in the past.