

Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting
Wednesday, January 31, 2024

In attendance: Joanna Wozniak, Beth Allender, Amy Weber, Cathy Hong, Andrea Sullivan, Jaime Williams, Margee Poole, Doeun Kim, Gwendolyn Breg, Beth Frasca, Erin Tarr, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Ann Marie Morrisette (remotely)

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve minutes from 12/12/23 meeting made by Margee Poole, seconded by Andrea Sullivan. Ayes carry, motion passed, minutes approved.

Marching Band Report: (Beth Frasca) Beth met with Gwendolyn Breg about uniform cleaning. Beth will send out a form asking for volunteers to wash uniforms. They will be available for pickup at the next booster meeting, and they can be returned at the meeting after that. Since it might be difficult to gain access to the school without a director present, uniform fitting for the next marching band season will take place the week before band camp (drum/guard camp week). The football home games are weeks 4,6,7,9, and our first competition is at Washington on Sept. 7, so there should be enough time to finish the fittings. Beth will talk to Mrs. Currey about purchasing new plumes, now with added sparkle!

Jazz Report: (Cathy Hong) The event at Jupiter's on 1/18 (ahead of the Purdue jazz fest) was a success. There were 85 presale meal tickets and 49 walk-in meal tickets sold, with many more who showed up just to watch. Next time, we need better timing with the pizza restocking, so there aren't times with no pizza at all and too much pizza at the end.

Swing Central – Last year, we delivered the stage the day before, will likely do that again the year, but need to check with Steve Troyer and David Frye. Mr. Currey says we will need to have access to a truck with a ramp from Knox Array. We use our own equipment, plus some that we borrow from Mike Anderson. It is possible that Mike Anderson might donate his equipment to the boosters, that needs more conversation. Swing Central is 2/23, one week earlier than last year. Registration will be due by 2/12. Mahomet high school band will not participate this year, so the 3 Central bands will each play a little longer to make up the time. The country club is raising their prices by \$2 this year, but we will keep our prices the same, therefore earning less with each meal purchased. The meal will be the same as last year.

(Mr. Currey) The Purdue jazz festival went well, the students have listened to the judges tapes and discussed results/placements. It was noted that the winning band, Mundelein high school, has jazz band as a class during their school day, and has at least two more hours a week of practice than the Central jazz bands. The recording for the Essentially Ellington audition went well. Calls are coming in to request the combos for gigs (some are paying!). Mr Currey will sift through the requests and dole them out to the 3 combos accordingly.

Orchestra Report: (Amy Weber) The IMEC performance went well, even with the drama of broken strings and sick students. The program was a success and turned out beautifully, many

thanks to Amy Weber for her hard work on this project. The Unit 4 CFO wrote an email to the Curreys, praising the program and the orchestra's accomplishments. She was very positive and supportive.

More info on producing a CD of the orchestra recordings: it makes sense to add some performances from last year as well, in order to make the entire CD longer. There is a recording fee, but it will be included if we purchase a package. Discussion on whether it makes sense to do a package that is just an MP3, or an MP3 with a CD. A physical CD will be able to include liner notes and more information. The bigger the package, the lower the unit cost. Mr. Currey feels strongly that he wants 50 CDs, for students and to have extras on hand for exposure and advocacy. Mrs. Currey feels physical CDs are unnecessary. So far, 15 students have expressed interest, but we might make more sales if we have them available at concerts. A package of 50, for MP3 and CD, comes out to about \$21/unit. Mr. Currey has offered to split costs with the Boosters. Erin Tarr moved to allot \$525 of Booster funds to pay for half of the total package for the orchestra music recordings. Seconded by Cathy Hong. Ayes carry, motion passes.

Choir Report: (Erin Tarr) Nothing new to report.

Website Report: (Jessie Bhalerao, via email) Michael Wozniak is going to turn off the initial website revamp that he paid for; many of those ideas were incorporated into the current website. Many thanks to him for all of his work on this project. If there are any changes to be made to the current website, please email Jessie at jkbhalerao.misc@gmail.com.

Treasurer's Report: (Doeun Kim) See submitted treasurer report for specific transactions. Douen received checks from Franklin, Edison and Jefferson for their portions of the funds to sponsor visiting artists. Still waiting on a check from Centennial. Boosters paid the fee for the winter guard to participate in the state competition.

Booster Business: (Beth Allender) There are still three available positions on the booster board – Concert Band VP, Fundraising VP and Marketing VP. Please consider serving, if these positions align with your talents. Please suggest others who might also be a good fit.

Requests – Mr. Currey is in the process of negotiating the contract for Alexa Tarantino to be the visiting artist at the Central JazzFest. She requires 50% of her fee to be paid at the time the contract is signed. Beth Allender made a motion to allocate \$1750 of Booster funds to pay Alexa Tarantino upon the signing of her contract. Seconded by Joanna Wozniak. Ayes carry, motion passes. She will also need 2 nights' hotel accommodation. It is realized that JazzFest is the same weekend as Mom's Weekend at the U of I, so hotel reservations might be scarce. Beth Allender and Amy Weber will work on finding suitable accommodation.

We need to pay William Harris Lee for helping to fix the broken cello string at the IMEC performance.

Ongoing Conversations:

Cedar Point Trip – (Cathy Hong) There are 119 students currently signed up to go. 3 buses have been reserved, and we have enough chaperones. We have 40 rooms on reserve, might need up to 10 more, still need a final count of attendees. A form for students to select roommate preferences will go out soon, along with a list of attending students for reference. It will be due 2 weeks after distribution. There will be a parent meeting closer to the travel date. No deadline has been set yet for the final payment.

Trivia Night – (Cathy Hong) Both the date and location have changed. Trivia night is now 3/24 at Jupiter's at the Crossing. Check-in time will begin at 4:00, the trivia questions will begin at 5:00. Jamie Williams has created a flyer, Margee Poole will handle online registration. The fee will be \$200 for teams of 6 (there is space for 25 tables). The deadline for paying with checks is 3/6, the deadline for credit cards is 3/12. The early bird registration includes 3 Mulligans for the competition. Help is needed for donations for the silent auction; Joanna Wozniak will work with Beth Allender to request help from music parents, Joanna will follow-up. Space is tight, so the combos will not perform.

Band Director's Report: (Jennifer Currey) Feb. concerts are coming up. There are currently 17 students registered for the solo & ensemble competition. Joe Meyer (auto shop teacher) has created a beautiful stencil to use to label our new music stands with the Central logo. Jennifer Currey will research paint that will work on the resin music stands, and then will set a date to paint all 120 of them. She has requested that we send a thank you gift to Joe for his work. Beth Frasca made a motion for the boosters to purchase a \$50 gift card to Papa Del's Pizza and a \$25 gift card to Jarling's. Motion is seconded by Gwendolyn Breg. Ayes carry, motion passes. Beth Allender will purchase the gift cards and give them to Jennifer Currey to pass along.

Choir Director's Report: (Ann Marie Morrissette) 4 singers have registered for the solo & ensemble competition (3 more than last year). AMM is researching uniform options for choir performances. Will perhaps start with black polo shirts, then add black pants and jackets over time. The hope is to pay for uniforms using the choir budget, but Booster funds might be requested at a later time. There will be recruiting flyers/videos to be sent to the middle schools.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 4, 7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn by Joanna Wozniak; second by Erin Tarr. Ayes carry, meeting adjourned.