

Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting

January 9, 2023

In attendance: Joanna Wozniak, Lyne Levesque, Gregory Pluta, Angelica Pluta, Doeun Kim, Cathy Hong, Beth Allender, Abby Mitchell, Amy Weber, G. David Frye, John Currey, Jennifer Currey, Ann-Marie Morrisette

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve minutes from 11/29 meeting made by Angelica Pluta, seconded by Lyne Levesque. Ayes carry, motion passed, minutes approved.

Winter Guard proposal: (Abby Mitchell) Would like to put together a winter guard team to compete, possibly by next season. Could also use next season as a time to recruit members and build skills. The competition season is generally mid-December to mid/late-March. There is currently a Spin Club at Central that meets casually to build skills. Winter guard is artistic with more dancing and would be a good way to involve non-music students. Abby Mitchell will provide an updated schedule, which will begin in November after marching band season, and will also submit an updated proposal/budget to be voted on at the next boosters meeting.

Marching Band Report: The only thing left to do is launder the uniforms, which will wait until Beth Frasca is able to give detailed instructions.

Jazz Report: (Cathy Hong) There is a gig on 1/20 at Baldarotta's at Lincoln Square Mall. All three bands, plus the band from Oak Park will play, roughly 30-ish minute sets. The bus to the Purdue jazz festival is booked and paid for. An email will be sent out with a link for students to pay their portion of the bus fees, which amounts to \$20/student. There will be 53 students plus Mr. Currey on a 55-seat bus. May need help transporting basses. The plan is to leave Central by 7:30am on 1/21.

The possibility of playing for the opening of Jazz at Lincoln Center on 1/26 has not yet been confirmed.

Swing Central is on 3/3, a meeting with the country club is still needed, more updates next month. Jazz Fest is now on 4/21 (no school that day) due to a conflict with the theater department. EIU jazz festival – two school buses have been ordered for 2/11

Treasurer's Report: (Doeun Kim) The treasurer's report has been distributed and reviewed. We are looking into other ways to accept online payments. 1st Financial Bank (the bank the boosters use) does not accept Zelle. Chase does, but it would require opening another account and maintaining a balance of \$2,000 in order to avoid a monthly fee. We currently use CheddarUp to accept online fees, but there are limits. They are fee-based, with the payer paying the fees at the time of purchase. Payments can also be made with cash or check to "the box" in the band room.

Motion to use \$2,000 of booster funds to open an account at chase with the intention of using Zelle to accept band payments made by Angelica Pluta. Seconded by Doeun Kim. Ayes carry, motion passes.

Students can check Charms Office for account balances, Doeun Kim will email statements to families.

Fruit Sale: (Lyne Levesque) Total profit: \$10,237.17. This is up from last year, even though the number of boxes sold was lower. There was an increase in monetary donations. Jody Cook will take over the fruit sale next year.

New Business: Cathy Hong provided information about costs and schedules for a variety of band trip scenarios. The band directors will discuss, get back to Cathy, and will discuss findings at the next meeting.

G. David Frye reported that we need to replace the lighting truss system for the jazz band stage lights. They are currently using plastic tubing and duct tape. His research reveals that an aluminum truss system will cost \$2000-\$2500. Motion to approve purchase new truss system for up to \$2,500 made by Joanna Wozniak, seconded by Cathy Hong. Ayes carry, motion passes.

Band Director's Report: (John Currey) There will be an orchestra festival on 2/10 at ISU, we will take two buses, might need help transporting cellos and bases. 2/27 there will be a combined middle school and chamber orchestra performance, which will help recruit more string players, pizza to follow. Our orchestras are becoming more in demand, other schools want to play with us, but we will require specific proposals to consider. We have requested 100 tickets to watch an open rehearsal of the CSO on 3/23.

Marching Band drum major auditions are complete – Rosie, Jaylen Dillard, and Shinjin Song.

Solo and Ensemble competition is March 4, registration deadline is 2/4. It will be held at Broadlands Heritage High school, with fees \$10-20 depending on group size.

Met with teachers from Centennial regarding ILMEA all-state trip.

In need of commercial vacuum with attachments for band room. Beth Allender will research and report findings at a later date.

Choir Director's Report: (Ann-Marie Morrissette) A parent, Audrey Valence, is very involved, but can't come to Monday meetings.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 8, 7:00

Motion to adjourn by Joanna Wozniak. Seconded by Cathy Hong. Ayes carry, meeting adjourned.