

# Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting

## October 2, 2023

**In attendance:** Joanna Wozniak, Beth Allender, Cathy Hong, Doeun Kim, Jody Cook, Jennifer Currey, Ann Marie Morrissette, John Currey, Jennifer Currey, Jessie Bhalerao, Margee Poole, Gwendolyn Breg, Delicia Benson, Shelly Keske, David Frye, Abby Mitchell, Glenn Pence, Andrea Sullivan, Steve Simon

**Approval of minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from the 8/28 meeting made by Doeun Kim, seconded by Gwendolyn Breg. Ayes carry, motion passed, minutes approved.

**Ongoing Conversations - Winter Guard:** (Abby Mitchell) Abby presented a plan for winter guard season – wants to do 4-5 competitions, at locations all within 2 hours or so. The price is \$75/team for each competition, with solo competition fees at \$50 per competition. Fees for the championships in Decatur are \$100 (early February). In order to compete, the group needs to have membership in the IDTA, the deadline to apply is 1/31/24. Membership requires an application, a \$100 fee, a roster and a team photo for the programs. Abby felt that a member contract was a good idea; discussion with the group indicated agreement, along with a \$50 student fee (which is the same as the fee for jazz band). Students would be able to use music credit to pay this fee. Auditions for the winter guard will be at the end of October, following two weeks of clinics. Abby indicates that at least half of the current marching band color guard is “highly interested”, auditions will be open to anyone. Further information is needed to find out if an “official” Central representative is needed, as Abby isn’t a certified Unit 4 teacher. Silks and costumes will be needed. Motion to support development of winter guard for the ‘23/’24 season made by Beth Allender. Seconded by Beth Frasca. Ayes carry, motion passes. Further financial support from the boosters will likely be needed. It is determined that solo competition fees will be paid by individual students.

**Marching Band Report:** (Beth Frasca) There is one game, one competition, the replay concert and the middle school tour left in the season. The zippers all need to be replaced in the uniform jackets; it’s possible some parents will be willing to help, in order to not have to pay someone to do it. There were more parent volunteers this past weekend, which was great. John Currey gives an extra thanks to all volunteers. Bill Jones was able to have the podium fixed in a day, saving the band a significant amount of money. Students have been listening to the judges’ tapes and cleaning their sections, they earned an overall 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the EIU competition, with a score of 80.5, beating Granite City, which was a huge accomplishment. Prize day is 10/9, Senior Night is 10/13.

**Jazz Report:** (Cathy Hong) The Jazz event at Jupiter’s is 10/30. Cathy is working on the menu and hopes to have details and information for ordering meals in the next week. David Frye needs additional help from volunteers, as he’ll be out of town for the event. He also states that we are in need of new lights, will work on a proposal to ask for booster funds. John Currey says that there are very few rehearsals before the event, so each one counts. He is working on finding a new combo instructor, hopes to have someone for second semester. Combo instructor needs to be a certified unit 4 instructor in order to have access to building keys. Cathy Hong states that a new country club sponsor might be

needed for Swing Central. She will check with last year's sponsor to see if they are willing to do it again, in spite of not having a current student in the music program.

**Orchestra Report:** (Amy Weber, update provided in absentia) John Currey reiterates that the orchestra will play at the IMEC conference in January, and that the boosters provided funds for outside sectional instructors. He will decide the music selections after the October concert. A more formal program will need to be printed, John Dessen will attend the October concert to take group and individual photos. Someone with graphic design/layout experience is needed to create the program. John Currey further reports that a grant has been received to bring in an outside instructor for orchestra (similar grants have brought jazz and wind symphony instructors in the past). The outside instructor will work with the Central orchestra program, as well as with programs at Centennial and the three middle schools. The grant will cover the instructor fee, the five schools will split the food/lodging/travel costs. The orchestra will also play at the ISU festival.

**Choir Report:** (Ann Marie Morrissette) The American Choral Directors Conference will be held at the U of I on 10/27-28. Ann Marie Morrissette has nominated a quartet to be part of the IL Honors Choir. The students will work with Fernando Malvar-Ruiz (director of the LA Children's Choir) during the conference, with a concert that is open to the public on 10/28 at 3pm.

**Website Update:** (Jessie Bhalerao) It is most cost effective to stay with Word Press, Jessie will use ideas from Mike Wozniak's revamped website and incorporate some of the new designs. Canva has good templates for visual interest, which will be useful in promoting the fruit sale. New photos are needed.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Doeun Kim) The income from the CU Showcase will be split among the three participating schools. ILMEA audition fees have been collected. The football parking fundraiser has earned \$1990 so far (3 games). The new check from Clark-Lindsey has been received. Marching band and jazz fees are still being collected, reminders to outstanding fees should be sent to students. See treasurer report for detailed income/expenses. The boosters now have an IL Tax Exemption. Doeun Kim is working on setting up a tax-exempt account with Amazon.

**Booster Business - Fruit Sale:** (Jody Cook) Fruit will be delivered 12/8, repacked and picked up for students to deliver on 12/9. The 10lb box of oranges will be \$25, which is up a dollar from last year. The 20lb boxes will be \$40 (Same as last year). The order forms and QR cards have been ordered. Student envelopes will go home 10/10. Current students are able to request old lists from former students. We are still in need of warehouse space for 12/8-9, preferably with a loading dock and no heat.

**Booster Business – Officer Openings:** There are still openings for Concert Band VP, Fundraising VP and Marketing VP. Please suggest any name you can think of.

**Ongoing Conversations – Music Trip:** (Cathy Hong) Trip to Cedar Point proposed 6/3 to very late 6/4 or early 6/5 (1 night). No performance opportunity, more of a fun/bonding trip. Packages include lodging, ticket and all-day dining and drinks. Busing will be booked separately. Proposed cost for

lodging, ticket, food and bus for quad occupancy is \$183.16 (double occupancy is ~\$205, single is ~\$250) These prices are good until mid-October. Proposed Disney trip: 3-day package, 1 day at Universal. Over Thanksgiving week – leave Monday pm, return Sunday evening. Package includes transportation, security, food lodging and park tickets, prices are \$1831 for quad occupancy based on 150 students going. Prices will be higher if there are fewer than 150 paying people (students and chaperones). If we take out the day at Universal, price goes down to \$1750, but Cathy will recheck that number. These prices are good until November 1. Cathy will check on cancellation policies for both trips. Will still need to apply to Disney performance opportunities (Marching band, choir, orchestra). Students will need to be informed soon in order to maximize fundraising opportunities. School board is revamping policy for overnight trips; it is unclear how this might impact these plans, but Jennifer Currey hopes to meet with administration in the next week to get more information. A finance committee is needed to plan the trips. Joanna Wozniak makes a motion to move forward with both trips, pending unit 4 school board trip policy changes. Cathy Hong seconds. Ayes carry, motion passes.

**Ongoing Conversations – Trivia Night:** There is interest in reviving this fundraiser, but a coordinator is needed. Jennifer Currey is able to get old notes from previous coordinators. Joanna Wozniak reports that Joseph Pickell (band parent) would potentially be willing to take care of the trivia part of the event.

**Directors' Reports:** (Jennifer Currey) Emails about the upcoming concerts have been sent. John Currey reports that parent volunteer help is needed for the pops concert, a sign up genius will be sent out. In previous years at grand nationals (BOA) there has been a student leadership talk given by Dr. Tim, motivational speaker. The BOA Blast will be Friday 11/10, it will be an interactive event at Lucas Oil Stadium. John Currey wants to take group of interested students, cost is \$30/ticket. Students participating in the musical are not able to go due to scheduling conflicts.

## **Next Meeting: Monday, 11/6, 7:00**

Motion to adjourn by Beth Frasca; Seconded by Glenn Pence. Motion passes, meeting adjourned.