

Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting
Monday November 13, 2023

In attendance: (people who signed in) Joanna Wozniak, Beth Allender, Cathy Hong, Emily Pickell, Kelly McAllister, Delicia Benson, Johnna Dunne, Beth Smith, Vince Gustafson, Gina Gerald, Jason C. Thomas, Doeun Kim, Wenyan Mei, Cristine Hayes, Jackie Teague, Staci Prevezis, Danielle Matthews, Jessica Kopolow, Tiffany Davis, Kjellan Olson, Margee Poole, Jamie Williams, Jody Cook, Jennifer Ellis, Jon Ellis, Gwendolyn Breg, Jessie Bhalerao, Steve Simon, Kristie Lamoreux, Lacey Dobsch, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Ann Marie Morrissette

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve minutes from 10/4/23 meeting made by Doeun Kim seconded by Jody Cook. Ayes carry, motion passed, minutes approved.

Travel Report: (Beth Allender and Cathy Hong) There has been no musical travel since 2018. There are 2 opportunities coming up – a trip to Cedar Point 6/3-5/23 for all current music program students, and a trip to Orlando 11/25-30/24 for marching band, choir and orchestra students. Proposals for both trips have been submitted to Mr. Williams, he will work with the school board to get approval. Each trip has a number of requirements, the boosters have submitted all the information they can at this point, now there is a wait for board approval. Payments will not be submitted without board approval.

Chaperones for both trips will be needed! It is a district requirement to have 1 chaperone for every 10-12 students. Chaperones will need to pay but will have double occupancy instead of the quad occupancy for the students.

The Cedar Point trip will cost \$250-300. This includes one night in a hotel, park ticket, Peoria charter bus, and a meal plan for the day at the park. Students will be expected to pay for food/snacks during travel. Cost will depend on how many students actually go and how many buses are needed.

The cost of the Orlando trip will be \$2000. We will be using Bob Rogers Travel to plan this trip. The cost includes buses, overnight security, hotel lodging, 3-day ticket for Disney, 1-day ticket for Universal, most food costs. This trip includes performance opportunities for marching band, orchestra and choir. The trip will be covered by insurance through Bob Rogers, but it is highly recommended that participating students also purchase individual travel insurance to cover their personal needs.

A google form will be going out for parents and students to submit questions. Questions and answers will be provided via email. Deadlines are looming. Students will need to commit by 11/27 to both/either trips, non-refundable deposits are shortly after. For Cedar Point, \$150 will be due 12/1 to the music boosters. For Orlando, \$200 will be due directly to Bob Rogers. Students will be able to use funds from their school accounts, but those funds will be used for final payments, not initial reservations.

Marching Band Report: (Beth Frasca via email update) Replay concert is 11/15. Students are to report at 6:15. Joanna Wozniak will bring the senior recognition gifts, cookies, drinks and necessary paper goods. Middle School Tour is 11/17. Students are to report to Franklin Middle School at 7:30-7:45 in full uniform. Uniforms will be turned in that afternoon.

Fruit Sale: (Jody Cook) Fruit sale closes 11/13. Sales seem to be on track with what they were last year. A warehouse space was obtained, thanks to the generosity of CU Adventures in Time and Space in Urbana. Fruit will be delivered 12/8, student volunteers will be needed to unload, sort and repack fruit. Pickup will be 12/9, students will be able to sign up for times to pick up their fruit to deliver.

Jazz Report: (Cathy Hong) The Jupiter's event went well; there were 185 people who paid for food, many more showed up just to watch. A similar event will be held at Jupiter's on 1/19, the day before the Purdue Jazz Festival on 1/20. Cathy is talking to Campus Ink about opening a jazz apparel store, with delivery hopefully before Christmas.

Orchestra Report: (Amy Weber via email update, John Currey) Progress is being made on the program for the All-State performance, will update with more information next month. Nice programs will be needed, not just for the performance, but for advocacy and advertising withing the school system as well. Sectionals are still going on – conducted by local professionals funded by booster funds. 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: (Erin Tarr via Ann Marie Morrissette) Erin is looking into t-shirts for the choir.

Website Report: (Jessie Bhalerao) The website has been updated; more updates will come after the December concerts. Emails can be found at maroons@org. Jessie will add trip information, so it is easily located.

Treasurer's Report: (Doeun Kim) Proceeds from the CU Showcase resulted in \$543.40 to each of the participating high schools. The football parking lot fundraiser has brought in \$3210, with 2 games still to come. See submitted report for detailed income and payments. Abby Mitchell has requested the boosters pay John Tyson, who has been helping out with winter guard practices. This was originally included in the submitted budget. A motion was made by Beth Allender to increase the winter guard budget by \$1300 to pay John Tyson. Motion was seconded by Joanna Wozniak. Ayes carry, motion passes.

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.

Ongoing Conversations: (Beth Allender) Trivia Night – a tentative date has been set for Sunday, 3/3, need a planning committee. Please talk to Beth if you can help. Mrs. Currey can help get old notes from previous planners.

Band Director's Report: (John Currey) ILMEA jazz went well; 13 students went, 7 were in the top group. ILMEA for concert, choir and orchestra is 11/18; 30+ students will be going. Students should bring a folding music stand if possible, as well as a garment bag with dress clothes. Buses will bring students back to Champaign if needed. Olivet Nazarene will charge \$5 for tickets this year. Jazz Fest still needs a guest artist, Mr. Currey is working on inviting someone. Since this is the 55th anniversary of JazzFest, there will be an alumni band. Winter concerts will be 12/5 and 12/7. 43 students went to Indianapolis to participate in the BOA Leadership Blast. Pep band rosters have been distributed. There are 4 games before winter break and 4 games after break.

Choir Director's Report: (Ann Marie Morrissette) The choir is preparing for their concert on 12/7. 1 singer is going to ILMEA on 11/18. The choir performed at the American Choral Association conference at the University of Illinois. Fernando Ruiz was there to direct the choir.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 11, 7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn by Jessie Bhalerao; second by Gwendolyn Breg. Ayes carry, meeting adjourned.