

Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting

February 8, 2023

In attendance: Joanna Wozniak, Beth Frasca, Cathy Hong, Doeun Kim, Angelica Pluta, Greg Pluta, Cameron Bigler, Lindsay Bigler, Beth Allender, Margee Poole, Gwendolyn Breg, Audrey Vallance, Fiona Githaiga-Tapia, Steve Simon, G. David Frye, Jennifer Currey, Ann Marie Morrissette

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve minutes from 1/9 meeting made by Audrey Vallance, seconded by Angelica Pluta. Ayes carry, motion passed, minutes approved.

Marching Band Report: (Beth Frasca) The uniform cleaning project will start during spring break. At that time, volunteers will be recruited. The uniforms can be taken home and washed/hung to dry, although there may be a way to do that at school, if hanging space is limited at people's homes.

Winter Guard: A more current proposal was submitted. There are only currently 5 students participating in winter guard, there might need to be more students in order to justify the cost. Beth Frasca will call Abby Mitchell and get more information (How many students are required in order to compete? What are the entry deadlines? How to recruit? Etc.) It might be possible to hold some clinics during the spring in order to boost interest and involvement. Beth will report findings at the March meeting.

Jazz Report: (Cathy Hong) The event at Baldarotta's went well. After the Purdue bus fiasco (the driver was over two hours late), the bus company refunded the boosters \$570. The original total was just over \$1900.

Swing Central – tickets will go live on the cheddarup website this evening. Dinner tickets will be capped at 4 tickets/person, in order to allow more people a chance at purchasing them. There will be no cap on the drink/cake tickets.

(David Frye) We will be using our own equipment. Mike Anderson, who previously provided a truck with a lift, as well as equipment, will not be available for Swing Central, so we will need to find a way to transport the equipment. We might need to look into renting a truck. David and Cathy will discuss and sort out a solution.

EIU jazz competition is this Saturday, 2/11. Jazz Fest is the weekend of 4/20. David will likely be here to help setup but will not be available to manage the event and oversee the teardown. Steve Troyer has been suggested as a worthy alternative.

Treasurer's Report: (Doeun Kim) Current treasurer's report was submitted. We received the money from selling the color guard uniforms. The bank mix up of the check from the fruit sale has been cleared up, and all of the accounts are square.

An account at Chase Bank has been opened in order to allow people to use Zelle to pay for band fees and tickets. There is \$2000 in that account.

New Requests: (Ann Marie Morrissette) Two choir students will be participating in The University of Illinois Black Chorus History Symposium. Rehearsals are Thursday-Saturday, with a performance on Sunday. One of the students was unable to cover the fee. Motion made by Audrey Vallance to provide a one-time \$50 payment to cover this student's entry fee. Seconded by Joanna Wozniak. Ayes carry, motion passes.

Vacuum: (Beth Allender) Beth Allender researched multiple vacuum options from a variety of purveyors. Models, along with cost and salient features, were presented. The priority is for the music directors to get what they think will work best. A motion was made by Joanna Wozniak to allocate up to \$1000 (plus the cost for bags) for a music vacuum. Seconded by Lindsay Bigler. Ayes carry, motion passes. Directors will discuss and email Beth Allender with their selection. Doeun Kim will look into getting a tax-exempt form for the boosters organization. Jennifer Currey will check with the Central activities account and see if the school can help out with making a tax-exempt purchase.

Music Trip: (Cathy Hong) A likely Disney trip would involve leaving on the Monday of Thanksgiving week, traveling by bus; leaving Disney Friday and returning Saturday night. 3 nights in a hotel (Rosen Center Hotel), 3 park days, rehearsal with a performance on Thanksgiving. Will include lunch and dinner (breakfast at hotel). Will need 1 chaperone for every 12 students. Cost will be around \$1600, based on quad room occupancy. November is coming up quickly, with little time to fundraise, so the question is whether this November or November 2024 would be the better option. Cathy will put together a survey to send to parents.

New Business: (David Frye) The band program might need to purchase more equipment so we're less reliant on Mike Anderson; we have about half of what is needed. Directors report that there may be some new equipment that is not being used. They will meet with David to assess what is there and if it will fit the need.

Directors' Report: (Jennifer Currey, Ann Marie Morrissette) Concerts will be on 2/21 and 2/23; rehearsals are going well.

Solo and Ensemble competition is March 4. A schedule will come out about a week before. There are about 30 band/orchestra students participating, 2 choir students.

3/23 the orchestra students will attend an open rehearsal of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

3/24 the jazz ensemble will be going to SIU-E to compete in Essentially Ellington Regional.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 8, 7:00pm

Motion to adjourn by Beth Allender; Seconded by Joanna Wozniak. Motion passes, meeting adjourned.