

Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting  
Monday, March 3, 2024

In attendance: Joanna Wozniak, Beth Allender, Cathy Hong, Andrea Sullivan, Jaime Williams, Margee Poole, Doeun Kim, Gwendolyn Breg, Beth Frasca, Erin Tarr, Jessie Bhalerao, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Ann Marie Morrissette

**Approval of minutes:** Cathy Hong noticed an incorrect date for the Trivia Night credit card payment deadline, the correction was made. Motion to approve minutes from 1/31/24 meeting (with correction) made by Jessie Bhalerao, seconded by Erin Tarr. Ayes carry, motion passed, minutes approved.

**Marching Band Report:** (Beth Frasca) Uniform washing is under way. A sign up was sent out for volunteers. Uniforms, soap and directions are being distributed. They should be returned at the 3/27 mandatory Cedar Point meeting or at the next boosters meeting. Still need to have a conversation about new plumes, probably won't happen until after spring break. Beth hopes to be able to acquire a few samples before deciding. Beth confirms that there are enough white uniforms to meet the size needs of next year's drum majors.

**Jazz Report:** (Cathy Hong) Swing Central went well. There was a total of 223 general admissions, 102 diners. The country club did not charge the boosters for the general admissions, as part of their donation. Total expenses: \$3132.76: \$2932.80 owed to Champaign County Country Club; sheet cakes were \$199.96 to be paid to Joanna Wozniak. Total income was \$12,374. Total profit: \$9241.24

Jazz Fest is April 12-13, it will run the same way it did last year. Centennial HS jazz will not be participating (this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year they haven't participated; Mr. Currey will speak to the Centennial band director to find out more information). It is unlikely Edison MS will participate due to schedule conflicts. Mahomet HS and Urbana HS also have conflicts. The Saturday schedule is full – 3 Central bands, 3 central combos, Paxton MS, Mahomet MS, Central alumni band, U of I jazz band. Friday schedule still needs more groups; Mr. Currey will reach out to other bands to see if they are available. Setup will begin Thursday 4/11 directly after school. Cathy needs help with the program, if anyone is able to take this project on. We have worked with Dixon Graphics for the past few years. We also need to be creative in advertising to the general public. Need to enquire if Amy Weber will do the elementary school flyers like she did last year.

**Orchestra Report:** Nothing to report.

**Choir Report:** (Ann Marie Morrissette) The choir will have uniforms next school year. The current students were given three options to vote on, they selected black pants/shirts, maroon ties and uniform belts for the boys and black shirts/black floor length skirts/black palazzo pants for the girls. Shoes are still tbd. The uniforms will be purchased from the choir budget. Will need

parent volunteers to come in one day and measure all the students. Garment bags will also be necessary to protect and transport the choir uniforms – they are not intended to go home with students. There is still a desire for choir t-shirts, but a design is needed, as well as a volunteer to make the design.

**Website Report:** (Jessie Bhalerao) Nothing to report. If there are any changes to be made to the current website, please email Jessie at [jkbhalerao.misc@gmail.com](mailto:jkbhalerao.misc@gmail.com).

**Treasurer's Report:** (Doeun Kim) See submitted treasurer report for specific transactions. Doeun finally received the check from Centennial. Need to find out who still hasn't paid for solo & ensemble yet. Doeun will send statements to everyone after spring break. The boosters would like to know what the total for all outstanding fees is. The funds to pay for the Jazz Fest guest artist will come from the CU Foundations fund. The current balance is artificially high this month, as we still have not paid for the Cedar Point trip. Deposits have been collected, final payments will be collected and then the full price will be paid to Cedar Point. A CD will mature in March, Doeun will renew it for another 9 months at 4.25%

Abby Mitchell has reported that the two winter guard instructors have gone over budget by \$1267.50. As this was the first year for winter guard, it was difficult to gauge how many instructional hours would be necessary. Booster discussion indicated that perhaps a stipend would be a better path forward next year. Joanna Wozniak moved to pay the \$1267.50, but work with Abby Mitchell to determine an appropriate stipend for next year. Motion seconded by Margee Poole. Ayes carry, motion passes.

The winter guard won their class (3A) at the IDTA State Competition.

**Booster Business:** (Beth Allender) The changeover from Charms to Cut Time needs occur by August 31, 2024. Beth will research what this changeover entails, and if it has to be initiated by an instructor or a booster member. It is also unclear if current information will just transfer over or if it will have to be re-inputted. Mr. Currey says he enters all of the marching band information, but that students in the other music classes do it themselves. All data, including financial data, will have to be backed up before we change over. Plans are to begin the changeover in early June, after the Cedar Point trip.

### **Ongoing Conversations:**

Cedar Point Trip – (Beth Allender) Beth, Cathy Hong and Mrs. Currey met to assign the rooms/roommates. This information will be released to the students on Thursday, 3/7 at 8 am. The application for the field trip is out of the boosters'/instructors' hands now, awaiting administrative approval. Chaperones are completing the requirements to chaperone (fingerprinting, etc.). We currently have the minimum number of required chaperones; it is possible we will need one or two more. There is a mandatory meeting for students AND parents on 3/27 at 7 pm. Student health and permission forms are due then. Forms were emailed home

last week, there will be paper copies available at the meeting. The next step will be to collect final payments and finalize the payment/plans with Cedar Point. Students may use credit for the final payments ONLY IF they have no other outstanding fees; otherwise, the credit will be used to pay off outstanding balances first.

Trivia Night – (Cathy Hong) 10 tables have been sold, there are still 15 tables available. A sign-up email was sent to music families, asking for gift card donations to be used in the silent auction. The final registration deadline for tables is 3/20.

**Band Director's Report:** (Jennifer Currey) The drum majors selected the first session for the Smith-Walbridge camp. Mrs. Currey is waiting for a code from the camp, then the students will register, and the boosters will pay the tuition. The 2024-25 arts calendar of events will be released very soon. The band has registered for IMBC, the marching dates are firm. Marching band contracts will be out soon. There will be a meeting on 4/8 for instrument fitting for new students who don't yet have an instrument. Students did well at the solo & ensemble competition – there were 14 Division I ratings. Shinjian Song and the Ellie Kim/Sarah Su cello duet were awarded "Best of the Day". The music stands still need to be painted. The awards ceremony is May 9.

(John Currey) The new field trip guidelines are negatively affecting the current way of doing things. School permission is required to apply for performance opportunities, and the school board will not approve trips if they conflict with any exams, regardless of the prestige/honor of the event. The application for the Jazz Ensemble to participate in the Midwest Band & Orchestra Clinic is in jeopardy.

**Choir Director's Report:** (Ann Marie Morrissette) There were more students participating in solo & ensemble contest this year. Excitement grows for the program in the coming year.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 pm**

Motion to adjourn by Erin Tarr; second by Margee Poole. Ayes carry, meeting adjourned.