

Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting

March 8, 2023

In attendance: Joanna Wozniak, Beth Frasca, Cathy Hong, Doeun Kim, Beth Allender, Gwendolyn Breg, Steve Troyer, Audrey Vallance, Jennifer Currey, Ann Marie Morrissette, John Currey

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve minutes from 2/8 meeting made by Audrey Vallance, seconded by Beth Allender. Ayes carry, motion passed, minutes approved.

Marching Band Report: (Beth Frasca) An email will go out after spring break asking for volunteers to help with the uniform wash. Some/all of the zippers on the jackets might need to be replaced before the next marching season. Yong's might be a resource to help with that.

(John Currey) The marching band submitted an application to compete at IMBC at the U of I on 10/14 and was accepted. Pre-enrollment numbers for marching band are at 179, many more orchestra students than in the past. We will be able to offer cheddar up, zelle, cash or check to collect marching band fees, which should be \$100. Drumline clinics/auditions are 4/14, 4/26, 5/10, 5/17.

Jazz Report: (Cathy Hong) Swing Central – The even was a success, even though the weather caused the Mahomet junior high band to cancel. Possibly due to the weather, there were 23 presale general ticket no-shows, and 11 presale dinner no-shows. There was a total of 261 attendees (not counting performers) - 185 general admission tickets and 76 dinner tickets). The gross intake was \$10,615, with a net of \$7,140.

Jazz Fest – Jazz Fest is 4/21-22, with setup on 4/20. There is no school on 4/21, so that will afford some extra time/space for setup. Help will be needed for setup, decorations, and concessions. Cathy will ask Rhonda Gibson if she will be willing to do the programs again this year, or at least offer samples of previous work. Jim Pugh will be the guest artist this year. He is a professor in jazz trombone at the U of I. He will be paid \$500 to rehearse with the bands, perform both days of the festival, and conduct a clinic on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Currey will send out emails soon inviting the schools.

We need to possibly look into contacting WCIA/CI living/community calendar to advertise. Cathy will touch base with Amy Weber to see if she can do the elementary school fliers/coupons that she did last year.

(John Currey) – There will be three upcoming gigs for the combos on 4/2, 4/14 and 4/15, two of which will be paid. There is also a potential for a gig at the country club on 5/20, they are offering \$2000. We need to negotiate for them to do the stage setup. The bands did well at the EIU jazz festival – ensemble was 1st, lab band was 3rd, and stage band was 6th. The ensemble will attend the competition at SIU-E on 3/24.

Treasurer's Report: (Doeun Kim) Current treasurer's report was submitted. The vacuum has been ordered; a check was sent from our accounts to the school.

Winter guard – there is some confusion about what was approved for Abby Mitchell to develop the winter guard this year. She submitted 62 hours of work. Beth will reach out to Abby to get clarification on an hourly rate and number of approved hours, and report to the executive board via email. Going forward, a more specific contract will be required to make sure all terms are understood and agreed upon by all parties. This is for drumline, color guard, front ensemble and winter guard.

Chase Bank is offering CDs with higher interest rates, which might be an option to grow some of the surplus booster funds. After discussion, it was determined that it is good for the boosters to maintain a surplus in order to be able to fund any unexpected music needs for all groups. It would be appropriate to move some of these funds to higher interest CD accounts in order to maximize their growth. Motion made by Steve Troyer to move \$20,000 to a 3-month Chase CD at 3.5% and \$20,000 to a 12-month Chase CD at 3.25%. Seconded by Gwendolyn Breg. Ayes carry, motion passes. Doeun Kim will handle the administration of those actions.

Doeun will send out student statements after spring break.

New Requests: Steve Troyer inquired about the procedure for making requests for new equipment. We borrowed a number of speakers, amps and sub-woofers last year for Jazz Fest that might not be available for use this year. David Frye used equipment from the Drama department for Swing Central that might be of use again. Steve will contact David to see what was used, what is available, and what is needed for Jazz Fest. He will report findings to the executive board via email as soon as possible so necessary purchases can be made before the event.

Ongoing Conversations: (Beth Allender) A commercial vacuum was selected for purchase from CMI for \$670.85. This includes the vacuum and 30 vacuum bags. CMI will be able to provide service.

Music Trip: (Cathy Hong) A survey asking about interest will be sent out soon.

Winter Guard: (Beth Frasca) Abby Mitchell has provided more information about winter guard requirements. A minimum of 3 students is necessary to compete. There is a possibility of some clinics in the summer, and recruitment will start after the marching band season. Beth will provide more information to the executive board via email. The boosters feel that a minimum of 10 students is necessary in order to provide funding. Students will be required to pay a \$50 fee, which is commensurate with jazz fees. A commitment date and fee date will need to be determined; the boosters will discuss approval at the next meeting.

Directors' Report: (Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Ann Marie Morrissette) Choir – 1 singer participated in solo and ensemble, earned a 1. The choir applied and was accepted to sing at Disney, will see if that acceptance can be deferred for a year to align with a larger music trip.

(Jennifer Currey) 22 students participated in instrumental solo and ensemble contest; 20 earned 1's, 2 earned 2's, and three entries earned Best of Day for their rooms. The directors are processing auditions for advanced music ensembles for next year.

The domain name (maroons.org) needs to be renewed. Motion by Joanna Wozniak to renew domain name for 5 years. Seconded by Beth Allender. Ayes carry, motion passes. Mike Wozniak will get in touch with Jennifer Currey to discuss revisions to the website.

(John Currey) All of the concerts went well. The orchestra recently participated in a combined district-level string concert; there were 110 musicians playing together. The concert was great; the kids loved playing in the theater. There are 88 students pre-enrolled for orchestra ensembles next year. The orchestra also participated in the ISU Orchestra Fest, which went really well. The orchestra was able to make some good recordings to use for applications, and they received a good recommendation to play at the state conference next year.

The wind symphony submitted their audition for superstate; results will come in a month or so. The competition, pending acceptance, is May 5 at Krannert.

3/23 the orchestra students will attend an open rehearsal of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. 100 students are going, the school is paying for Peoria charter buses. A couple of parent chaperones will be helpful. The open rehearsal will be 10-12, with a Q&A session afterwards, followed by time for lunch before returning to Central.

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

3/31 a former student (Adam Walton) will visit the bands to talk about his experience playing in military bands.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 5, 7:00pm

Motion to adjourn by Beth Allender; Seconded by Doeun Kim. Motion passes, meeting adjourned.