

# Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting

## April 5, 2023

**In attendance:** Joanna Wozniak, Beth Frasca, Cathy Hong, Doeun Kim, Greg Pluta, Amelia Weber, Jennifer Currey, Ann Marie Morrissette, John Currey

**Approval of minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from 3/8 meeting made by Doeun Kim, seconded by Greg Pluta. Ayes carry, motion passed, minutes approved.

**Directors' Reports:** (Ann-Marie Morrissette) The choir is preparing for the upcoming concert, as well as Honors Day and graduation. Would like to get robes for the choir to wear for graduation – this year we can rent from Collegiate Cap & Gown but would like to purchase in the future. All of the choir music has been unpacked and put away, officially marking the completion of “moving in”.

(Mr. Currey) The wind symphony was accepted to compete at Superstate (5/5), which hasn't happened for several years. There will be 6 bands in our class. The band will play at Krannert and given the timing, will be able to warm up on the main stage. There was a combo gig this past Sunday at Clark Lindsey, they earned a \$200 honorarium. There are two more gigs coming up for the other two combos – Park Street combo on 4/14 at 5, and New Street combo on 4/15 at 10. There is a possibility for another gig at the Champaign Country Club on 5/20 – all bands would play, potentially earning \$2000. A former student came in to visit the bands, performed on marimba and spoke to students.

(Mrs. Currey) The drumline has requested funds to replace two tenor stands and new drumheads for the tenor and snare drums. Amy Weber moved to allot up to \$2400 to purchase new equipment for the drumline. Cathy Hong seconded. Ayes carry, motion passes. Amy Weber will again head up the camp scholarships for this summer. Students will be invited to fill out an application, decisions will be made by committee. Scholarships are typically \$100-\$300. The awards banquet will be 5/11 in the commons area. Joanna Wozniak will create the memory book for the seniors, and Cathy Hong and Joanna Wozniak will organize the refreshments. The 2<sup>nd</sup> CU Marching Showcase will be at Urbana High School this year on 9/26. Would like to invite families of rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders and new students to the May boosters meeting.

**Marching Band Report:** (Beth Frasca) Uniforms will be cleaned after classes are finished for the semester.

(John Currey) Marching band contracts are due 4/24. Next year's show is called Taking Flight; the show will hopefully be completed before the end of the school. JR Trip is using someone new for the drum music, so it will also hopefully be completed earlier than in past years.

**Jazz Report:** (Cathy Hong) Jazz Fest will take place in two weeks. All performing schools have been in contact, and there is a schedule of performances. Summer Curry will be creating the program. More ads/shoutouts are needed. Cathy will send out a signup genius for volunteer help as well as contributions for concessions. Amy Weber will again create/distribute flyers with coupons to the elementary schools. More publicity is needed – radio ads, chambana moms, etc. Relevant parties will

meet to work on the logistics of the setup on Thursday 4/20. We will ask to use the concession stand; it might help to use their cooler to cool drinks. Greg Pluta will try to get good recordings of all the schools. We are still in need of an emcee and student runners to direct visiting bands to their warmup rooms.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have opened two CD's at Chase Bank, both in the amount of \$20,000. One will mature 6/20/23, the other will mature 3/20/24. We are still collecting music fees for the '22-'23 school year and have started collecting fees for the '23-'24 school year. The fiscal year ends 6/30/23. It would be nice for all expenses and reimbursements to be submitted before then. They can still be paid out after that date, but the bookkeeping is simpler if done before then. The summer camp scholarships will be capped at \$3500. Last year, less than \$2000 was distributed.

**New Requests:** Awards have been ordered for the ceremony on 5/11. That expense is traditionally passed along to the treasurer, no board vote required.

**Ongoing Conversations:** Music Trip: (Cathy Hong) A survey asking about interest will be sent out soon. The suggested trip to Florida is so expensive, it might prohibit a number of students from participating. Perhaps a shorter, closer trip might be more appropriate, in order to allow as many students as possible to participate. The survey will state the band's intent to travel during the '24-'25 school year (although a smaller trip might be more feasible during the '23-'24 year) and ask both students and parents what kind of trip they would prefer, or if they would not participate regardless of cost or location. A plan should be announced as soon as possible to allow students more time to save money.

Winter Guard: (Beth Frasca) Abby Mitchell has agreed to \$15/hours for winter guard. More discussion is needed to formalize a contract and payments for winter guard, marching band color guard, and choreography. The contract for marching band color guard and choreography will need to be finalized before the May meeting, as guard clinics will start in May. It is possible a stipend, rather than an hourly wage, would be more appropriate for marching band. For winter guard, there will likely be 4 competitions (3 smaller ones plus state). There is a possibility for solo competition, the soloists will pay for those fees, as it is similar to students participating in ILMEA or solo and ensemble. Transportation still needs to be finalized. Abby Mitchell would like the students to travel together as a group, rather than arrive individually. Depending on group size, a school bus or activity van would be options. Abby Mitchell will need to complete training/clearance to drive the activity van.

**New Business:** We need to formalize a slate of officers. There are several open positions for next year, including president and vice president. Perhaps it would be better to not have just one VP, but create VP positions for fundraising, social media, webmaster, band, choir and orchestra.

**Next Meeting: Monday May 1, 7:00pm**

Motion to adjourn by Amelia Weber; Seconded by Doeun Kim. Motion passes, meeting adjourned.