

Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting

May 1, 2023

In attendance: Joanna Wozniak, Beth Frasca, Cathy Hong, Doeun Kim, Amelia Weber, Anita Hand, Delicia Benson, Andrea Sullivan, Bic Le, Anne Marshall, Chad Marshall, Beth Allender, Amy Slagell, Scott Schmidt, Michael McLaughlin, Steve Simon, Gwendolyn Breg, Jennifer Currey, Ann Marie Morrissette, John Currey

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve minutes from the 4/5 meeting made by Doeun Kim, seconded by Joanna Wozniak. Ayes carry, motion passed, minutes approved.

Many thanks to all of the 8th grade parents who attended; their presence is appreciated. It is hoped they will continue to attend and volunteer their time and talent.

Marching Band Report: (Beth Frasca) Uniform cleaning is commencing, need volunteers to help with the washing. Abby Mitchell has agreed to \$15/hour for the 2023 marching band season and estimates she will need about 150 hours to oversee the color guard. Motion by Scott Schmidt to approve \$15/hour for around 150 hours for Abby Mitchell to run the marching band color guard for the 2023 marching band season. Seconded by Doeun Kim. Ayes carry, motion passes. Doeun Kim will write a contract then send it to Beth Frasca for review, and on to Abby to sign. Contracts will also be needed for Ian Shepherd (Percussion) and a pit professional, to be completed closer to the marching band season. Someone to run the front ensemble is still needed.

The marching band t-shirt design contest for next year's show will be held this year so students can vote before the current school year ends and the shirts can be ordered earlier.

There are currently 157 confirmed marching band students for next year. There are still about 15 students who have yet to submit contracts. 23-24 of those students will be auditioning for color guard. There are 24 students auditioning for drumline. Clinics are halfway through; auditions will be completed by early May. Color guard clinics will begin soon, and auditions should be completed by the end of May.

Emails for uniform fittings will be sent soon. The band is larger this year, and new uniform pieces will probably have to be ordered; fittings will hopefully begin the last week of June.

Jazz Report: (Cathy Hong) Jazz Fest was a success! There were roughly 300 people each night. After food costs, the profit was around \$3660, which is more than last year. The promised \$1000 check from Ameren (as a donation for being allowed to set up a table and hand out free gifts) is still pending. Mr. Currey will email the Ameren contact and check on that. Setup and teardown were very smooth, thanks to the parents and students that helped. Excellent video and sound recordings were made by Greg Pluta, they were posted to the Central YouTube channel.

Swing Central update: The country club neglected to include the general admission on their invoice; when Cathy Hong followed up, they stated that was their donation, so the jazz band made an extra \$1000 from that event.

Treasurer's Report: See report for specific incomes and expenses. Doeun Kim is now collecting marching band fees for the 2023-2024 season. The fiscal year ends in June, it would be helpful to have all expenses submitted before then.

Directors' Reports: Band, choir and orchestra concerts are 5/2 and 5/3.

The marching band will be sharing the new practice field with the soccer team next year, so some scheduling compromises will have to be made. Instead of Saturday minicamps, it was proposed to have a couple of evening rehearsals (8/16 and 8/22) instead. Mrs. Currey suggested having a cookout before one of the evening rehearsals as a bonding event, we can perhaps use Mr. Williams' giant grill.

1-2 non-senior parents are requested to help sort music backstage during the graduation ceremony. Parents are also requested to help transport percussion instruments on 5/5 for the superstate competition at Krannert.

Jazz band and choir will be performing for Honors Day on 5/12. Choir might not have the numbers necessary to perform at graduation, it might just be wind symphony.

Many thanks to Scott Schmidt for his years of service. This is his last boosters meeting after 7 years of involvement. His dedication and contributions are deeply appreciated.

Ongoing Conversations: Music Trip: (Cathy Hong) Sample trips were offered for discussion, with a lower budget (\$700-800) and closer destinations. As an alternative to a performance trip, Mrs. Currey has suggested we also consider a day trip/overnight trip to an amusement park as a bonding trip for the music program students. This type of trip would have to be after school lets out for the year in 2024; other trips would likely be in the spring, which might be difficult given the music program's busy spring schedule. It is also possible to still consider a larger trip to a farther destination, which would take a considerable amount of fundraising. After discussion, it was decided that a new survey with all options should be sent before the end of the current school year, in order to allow students to begin saving for trip fees.

Vacuum: (Beth Allender) The vacuum requires filters, which should be replaced after every 5 (or so) bag changes. They cost \$5/each. Beth will purchase 10 extra filters to have on hand. The cost of these filters fits into the originally proposed vacuum budget, so no further approval is necessary.

Winter Guard: (Beth Frasca) Further discussion is tabled until the fall.

Summer Camp Scholarships: There was discussion about whether marching band camps should be included. Consensus was that they should. Students should be encouraged to apply; the committee will

decide. Further discussion determined that rising freshmen (current 8th graders) should also be able to apply. Amelia Weber will revise the application and send it to Mr. Currey, who will send it to middle school band programs. The new deadline for these applicants will be May 12.

New Business: Many thanks to Beth Frasca for her dedication to the Boosters organization as both President and VP for Marching Band. Her service has been vital to the success of the program for the past couple of years. She will be stepping back as President and will continue in the role of VP for Marching Band. A motion was made by Beth Frasca to nominate Beth Allender as President of the Boosters organization. Seconded by Cathy Hong. Ayes carry, motion passes, Beth Allender is approved as the new president.

Amelia Weber is approved as VP for Orchestra.

Positions still to be filled: VP Concert Band, VP Choir, VP fundraising, VP marketing/website.

Next Meeting: TBD

Motion to adjourn by Scott Schmidt; Seconded by Beth Allender. Motion passes, meeting adjourned.