

# Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting

## August 28, 2023

**In attendance:** Joanna Wozniak, Beth Allender, Cathy Hong, Doeun Kim, Amelia Weber, Jody Cook, Jennifer Currey, Ann Marie Morrissette, John Currey, Jessie Bhalerao, Steve Troyer, Margee Poole, Anna Simon, Sarah Sheeley, Gwendolyn Breg, Erin Tarr, Amy Slagell, Ross Wantland, Jennifer Ellis, Jon Ellis

**Approval of minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from the 5/1 meeting made by Doeun Kim, seconded by Anna Simon. Ayes carry, motion passed, minutes approved.

**Directors' Reports:** (John Currey) The blood drive was very successful, a total of 39 pints were donated by Central music families and friends. Central won the blood drive, the prize is a \$300 credit at The Music Shoppe. The orchestra has been invited to play at the IMEC conference in January. There will be some cost involved; John Currey would like to have some local professionals come and lead some sectionals beforehand. He will call around and get prices. The drumline is larger than it has been in the past, so an additional snare and tenor are needed. These have been ordered, a request will be made for the boosters to help defray some of the cost – specific details will be forthcoming. ILMEA audition videos are due to the Central music teachers by 9/29 in order for them to watch them all and make sure they're appropriate in time for the actual audition deadline of 10/4. Jazz band auditions are 8/28-29. It is hoped there will be three full bands. The marching band lost rehearsal time because of the heat last week. There are only about 30 rehearsals left in the marching band season, it is still unknown if the cancelled evening rehearsal will be rescheduled.

(Jennifer Currey) The first pops concert will be 10/11. The marching band needs more parent volunteers, especially for game nights and competitions. The band is in need of more flutes (and flute players). Concert bands only have 6 flute players, usually there would be around 20. 5 of the 6 flute players are seniors.

(Ann Marie Morrissette) There are currently 28 singers in choir, with the hope of 2 more. (9 of them are freshmen.

**Marching Band Report:** (Beth Frasca via Beth Allender) Beth Frasca was unable to attend, she gave her report to Beth Allender, who presented the following information to the boosters. All of the current students have been fitted for their uniforms, although there might be a few more who have recently joined the band and will need to be fitted. The number of parent volunteers is improving, although more are still needed. There are still a few show shirts available for sale. A new merchandise order will likely open in September. Still trying to find a suitable student member jacket, and Beth is looking into cooling towels for band camp next year. Steve Troyer has offered to help drive the band trailers, as need be.

**Jazz Report:** (Cathy Hong) Jazz pictures will be taken the morning of 9/20. The first jazz gig will be at Jupiter's on 10/30 (Monday). Jupiter's has new ownership but is still happy to host. John Currey asked if

we can look into booking them as a venue for a potential jazz gig the Friday before the Purdue Jazz Festival. (Last year's was at Baldarotta's) It might be nice to offer a jazz apparel shop, Cathy will discuss with Beth Frasca.

**Treasurer's Report:** See report for specific incomes and expenses. Many of the marching band fees were collected last fiscal year (ending July 1), which is why there aren't many on this report. 125 have paid, 2 have asked for fee waivers, and there are fewer than 40 outstanding marching band fees. Doeun will send reminder emails to unpaid students after comparing information with Jennifer Currey to see who is actually still outstanding. Doeun has submitted paperwork to achieve tax exempt status, this might require an audit. Until then, it seems possible to either use the school's tax exempt status, or have the school make our purchases and then reimburse them. A new check is needed from Clark-Lindsey for the jazz combo gig in the spring; the original check bounced. Senior student funds have been transferred either to an appropriate sibling, or the general booster fund.

**Booster Business:** Parking lot fundraiser – volunteer slots for 4 of 5 home Illinois games are full. The new price is \$20, the student stipend will be \$30. Doeun will get seed money to Joanna, Joanna will deliver seed money and signs to the parking lot on Saturday. It would be helpful if there was someone to chair this particular venture.

Fruit sale – (Jody Cook) More detailed information will be coming, but the fruit sale is scheduled to begin at the end of October, although it might make sense to get the materials to students earlier, so they have time to sell fruit over the fall holiday week. Repacking fruit and delivery will be 12/8-9.

Officer openings – Booster board positions are open for Concert band VP, Fundraiser VP, marketing VP. Cathy Hong nominated Erin Tarr for Choir VP. Seconded by Joanna Wozniak. Ayes carry, motion passed, Erin Tarr is new Choir VP.

Requests – John Currey states we need someone to take over the website, the domain fees are still being paid by a former parent.

(Addendum: after the meeting, Jessie Bhalerao volunteered to take over the website, she was approved as Webmaster by consensus of the board.)

**Ongoing Conversations:** Charms/Cuttime - There doesn't appear to be an imminent need to switch over from charms to cuttime. It seems that this is a transitional year, so charms will remain in place for the 2023-2024 school year.

Music Trip - (Cathy Hong) The executive board briefly discussed the music trip in a closed meeting. More discussion is needed amongst the directors. The results of the survey seemed to indicate a preference for a shorter, closer trip. Costs have greatly increased post-covid. The board will revisit this before the next meeting and present a more robust proposal.

Winter Guard - Spin Club appears to have been successful; guard membership is up and the quality of their performance has noticeably improved. Abby Mitchell will be invited to the next meeting to present a winter guard proposal.

**New Business:** (Beth Allender) Industrial Donut has a fundraiser option that might be worth investigating. Vouchers for a half-dozen/dozen are sold and it is up to the purchaser to redeem them at their convenience. Organizations have raised \$200-1000. This might be a good idea for a fundraiser later in the year, after the fruit sale.

(John Currey) It would be great if someone wanted to revive Trivia Night. In the past, this fundraiser has raised \$10-12,000. Someone needs to come up with questions, there is a catered dinner and a silent auction, and the jazz combos typically play. It would be possible to meet with previous organizers, but someone is needed to head this up.

**Next Meeting: Monday, 10/2, 7:00**

Motion to adjourn by Amy Weber; Seconded by Steve Troyer. Motion passes, meeting adjourned.