

Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting

Thursday, May 2, 2024

In attendance: Beth Allender, Cathy Hong, Doeun Kim, Gwendolyn Breg, Jessie Bhalerao, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Ann Marie Morrissette, Amy Weber, Jamie Weber

Approval of minutes: No discussion. Motion to approve minutes from the April 5 meeting was made by Jessie Bhalerao, seconded by Doeun Kim. Ayes carry, motion passed, minutes approved.

Marching Band Report: (John Currey) There are currently 154 marching band contracts returned with around 25 pending for the 2025 season. Will very likely be a larger band than 2024 with quite a few flutes and clarinets selected (see later discussion).

Jazz Report: (Cathy Hong) Good turn out for Jazz Festival. Event went very well, with great performances by the alumni and college bands. Collected \$3999.05 total in revenue including admissions, C-U Foundation, some donations. Note: additional donations for the event were identified that were not part of that total. It's likely that the middle school flyers can be done by the Currey's next year, saving the expense that Amy Weber generously picked up in recent years. Vandoren reed company representative gave a \$1000 donation on the spot due a great impression at the event. Dixon Graphics donated the programs. Music Shoppe donated \$1000 for Central Jazz. Amy Weber donated \$1000 as well. Expenses totaled \$3460.89 for guest artist Alexa Tarantino. She was great with the students, who enjoyed her clinic, and everything went well with her visit.

(John Currey) North Prospect Walmart asked that Central Jazz play at their grand reopening in May. Two combos will play there, and Walmart will donate \$500.

Orchestra Report: (John Currey) Great year, the kids have grown a lot. CDs of clinic performances to sell, with several asking for extra copies.

Choir Report: (Ann Marie Morrissette) Uniforms were fitted with help from Joanna and Erin, and ordered, as well as next year's folders. Probably \$1200 saved by using older skirts with the new uniforms. Organizing needed to store the uniforms, which will always stay at the school. May is a good time for this, and some re-thinking of the storage rooms is needed.

(All) Discussion of adding shelving units and moving unused stage facilities. Some help from booster parents would be good for storing choir and band equipment and uniforms more efficiently. A former Central parent, Scott, has done a nice job of adding shelves in the past, and Boosters could help pay him and purchase materials for new shelving. Some totes are also needed to store items in the uniform room(s). Jessie Bhalerao will reach out to several students that are doing Eagle Scout projects soon to see if they are interested in a shelving project.

Website Report: (Jessie Bhalerao). Discussion of whether to include meeting minutes on the website. Generally positive for doing that so people who weren't at meetings can review and look back over the years. Jessie will start adding them going forward.

Treasurer's Report: (Doeun Kim). Vandoren's donation was asked to be a scholarship for reed players if possible. The Boosters and Directors will try to accommodate that. Four students applied for music camp scholarships, and the deadline will be extended to Monday May 6. Cedar Point fees have been paid by all but one student.

Cutttime transition - Doeun suggested that 8th grade students should be added to Charms before moving all of the account to Cuttime. The transition is planned for June 10. Around July end is the deadline for transition from Charms.

It's important that all income to the program should be moved from Cheddarup through the end of June to complete the fiscal year, and send the books to the accountant.

Booster Business: (Beth Allender) Officers are all staying the same for 2024-2025, which is great! Fundraising during the football season at First Financial Bank will continue, contracts have been signed and insurance needed is in process.

(Jennifer Currey) Director requests for totes, spray paint, and other organization materials to help in the storage rooms. These expenses will be requested by directors as needed from the Booster officers.

(John Currey) There are many flute and clarinet students in Marching Band in the fall, and the program will probably not have enough school instruments to supply them. The program may need funds to buy more used instruments. The directors will a) get estimates for repairing any problem instruments, b) request students consider switching to other instruments since these 2 are low in supply, and c) start considering an instrument drive in the community and purchasing used instruments from Music Shoppe.

Ongoing Conversations:

Cedar Point Trip (Cathy Hong/Beth Allender). For the 25 remaining students and staff who have not selected t-shirt sizes, assign a size large. Cathy Hong will turn in rooming numbers to Cedar Point Friday May 3. School policy including dress code applies on the trip. Discussion of having the medicine dispensing handled by someone like Margee Poole using her nursing experience. She was invited to come as a parent volunteer for that, and her expenses paid. Agreed by the board to ask for her help, and Margee agreed [by phone] to come as a volunteer. There is a Chaperone meeting on May 22 with the school and Jane Stillman. That will be brief, and then the organizers, directors, and chaperones can go over their student groups, expectations, and other details about the trip.

Awards night: Cathy Hong ordered 150 cupcakes, and she and Joanna Wozniak will decorate and have ready for the night. The directors are preparing the awards, fixing the triple booking of the Decker Theater for the night, etc. Everything set and parents encouraged to attend.

Band Directors' Report:

(John Currey) The Chicago field trip to attend CSO rehearsal was last week. However, transportation was difficult with one bus not showing up. Joe Williams helped by getting a substitute for Mrs. Currey, who drove a minibus. The driver who *did* show up was great and helped out a lot. The students really appreciated the effort made to get them there to see a great show.

Choir Director's Report (Ann Marie Morrissette) Group has shown great growth this year. Good year overall.

Next Meeting: TDB over email for August.

Motion to adjourn made by Gwendolyn Breg, seconded by Cathy Hong. Ayes carry, meeting adjourned.