

Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

In attendance: Joanna Wozniak, Beth Allender, Cathy Hong, Andrea Sullivan, Beth Frasca, Doeun Kim, Gwendolyn Breg, Denise Fonner, Kelly McAllister, Steven Simon, Johnna Dunne, Crissy Hayes, Jody Cook, Jaime Williams, Evelyn Ondevilla, Steve Troyer, Gislaine Sanches, Daniel Yoo, Meghan Firchau, Tom Scheu, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Ann Marie Morrissette

Approval of minutes: Approval of May 2024 minutes has been moved to the September 2024 meeting.

Jazz Report: (Cathy Hong) 9/25 is jazz picture day. The first gig of the season will be Jazz at Jupiter's at the end of October. This event has already been booked, more info to follow closer to the date. Information is currently only being sent to the jazz groups; wider distribution will come later.

(John Currey) The jazz ensemble has been invited to play at the opening of the state jazz convention (aka jazz all-state), on Thursday, 1/30/25 in Peoria. The Airmen of Note (service jazz ensemble) will be touring nearby next spring and want to play a show at Decker Theater. That show is 4/28/25. The show is free to the public, but we might be able to do some donation fundraising at that time. It is possible the ensemble will open for them at that show. Mr. Currey is planning on writing a grant to have Teryl Stafford come and work with the jazz program in the fall. Ensemble and stage bands have started already, lab band will start 9/10. Randy Salman, retired prof from DePaul will be working with all three combos this year.

Marching Band Report: (Beth Frasca) New plumes have been purchased, they are now black with sparkles, very snazzy. 4 new water coolers have also been purchased for the trailer. First competition is September 7 in Washington, more volunteers are still needed.

(John Currey) All marching band spots have been filled.

Orchestra Report: Amy Weber has stepped away from this position, as her orchestra student has graduated. Johnna Dunne has volunteered to be VP of Orchestra. Many Thanks!

Choir Report: (Ann Marie Morrissette) Erin Tarr might be stepping away from this position, a new VP of Choir might be needed. Uniforms have been ordered and will be delivered soon.

Website Report: (Jessie Bhalerao, via email to Beth Allender) Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: (Doeun Kim) See submitted treasurer report for specific transactions. Coolers, plumes and marching band t-shirts have been paid for. New students need to be manually added to Cuttime to collect fees. Currently collecting marching band and jazz fees.

Booster Business: (Beth Allender) Cuttime – used to be charms, still figuring out bugs. It's possible to opt out of all the texts and only receive emails; it's also possible to opt back into the texts if necessary. Many thanks to Doeun Kim for doing so much of the work to get this new system up and running.

Ongoing Conversations:

Open positions: There are still openings for VP of concert band, VP of Fundraising/marketing and (possibly) VP of Choir. These positions are not terribly time-consuming. They involve communicating with the directors about specific needs, facilitating performances, making programs, assisting with the storage/organization/maintenance of uniforms, et. If you want to volunteer, or know someone who would be a good fit, please contact any director or booster board member.

Fruit Sale: Jody Cook (chair) needs a co-chair. This would involve preparing/distributing sales materials to students, helping to enter/maintain sales information, and assisting with sorting fruit. If you want to volunteer, or know someone who would be a good fit, please contact any director or booster board member.

Requests:

(John Currey) 5 of the marching chimes are cracked and need to be replaced. These are very expensive, it is cheaper to purchase a new set, rather than purchase individual chimes ala carte. Reasonably priced chimes are \$4-5k. Motion by Beth Frasca to allot up to \$5000 to purchase a new set of marching chimes. Motion seconded by Andrea Sullivan. Ayes carry, motion passes.

(John Currey) The drumline needs new heads. Joanna Wozniak motioned to allot funds to purchase 5 new bottom snare heads and 4 new sets of quad heads. Motion seconded by Crissy Hayes. Ayes carry, motion passes.

(Jennifer Currey) Tamara Persad (front ensemble instructor) needs more hours to work on coordinating timing between front ensemble and the drumline. Mrs. Currey will also ask her if she is willing/able to oversee drumline sectionals once a week. Johnna Dunne motions to approve 3.5 hours/week @ \$35/hr. for Tamara to fill these needs. Motion seconded by Meghan Firchau. Ayes carry, motion passes.

(Jennifer Currey) The marching band center podium is old, heavy and unsafe. In addition to the center podium, we also have 3 ladder-style podiums (2 front-field sides, 1 backfield). It's possible the backfield podium could be used as center podium for this season, but a new center podium is ultimately needed. Motion made by Steve Troyer to allot up to \$1,000 to purchase a new center podium. Motion seconded by Johnna Dunne. Ayes carry, motion passes.

(John Currey) The speaker needs to be serviced – it needs a new battery, and a cable jack needs to be replaced. It's heavy, therefore expensive to ship to CA and back (this is where it gets serviced.) Steve Troyer will look at it to see if he can make the changes, as well as look into a new, cheaper alternative can be found.

(Jennifer Currey) The marching band needs new uniforms. The current uniforms are 20+ years old; they are showing their age and need to be modernized. New uniforms are expensive, can run into six figures. Mrs. Currey plans to ask the school board and the school for partial funding, but needs an idea of cost, for uniforms and design. Beth Frasca will call around to get a ballpark idea of how much this will all cost. Potential companies are Fruehauf, Stanbury, Band Shooppe and DeMoulin,

(John Currey) Jazz needs a new kick drum. One can be obtained from the Music Shoppe for \$160. Mr. Currey will use band/school funds to pay for this.

Band Director's Report: (John Currey) Blood drive for Impact Life yielded 28 donations from Central HS; they will make a \$280 donation to the boosters. We came in second to Urbana HS this year.

(Jennifer Currey) CU Schools Marching Showcase is 9/23. Marching Illini will be performing. We need to provide a QR code for donations for them to include in their promotional materials. (event is free.) Cathy Hong will generate code and forward it.

9/25 is the new date for the pops concert.

Choir Director's Report: (Ann Marie Morrissette) Nothing further to report.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 30, 7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn by Johnna Dunne; motion seconded by Beth Frasca. Meeting adjourned.