

Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting
Monday, September 30, 2024

In attendance: Joanna Wozniak, Beth Allender, Cathy Hong, Andrea Sullivan, Doeun Kim, Margee Poole, Jessie Bhalerao, Gwendolyn Breg, Denise Fonner, Steven Simon, Johnna Dunne, Jody Cook, Lara Breeze-Troyer, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Ann Marie Morrissette

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve May 2024 minutes made by Jody Cook. 2nd by Johnna Dunne. Motion to approve August 2024 minutes made by Jessie Bhalerao, 2nd by Johnna Dunne. Ayes carry, both minutes are approved.

Jazz Report: (Cathy Hong) The first jazz event of the season will be Jazz at Jupiter's on 10/28. There is a food minimum to be met for Jupiter's (they don't have a venue fee if the minimum is met), info about purchasing tickets will go out soon. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the door. Students must purchase tickets if they wish to eat; at this time, students are not allowed to use credit to purchase tickets.

There is a possibility for an event on 1/24 (the night before the Purdue festival). Mr. Currey still needs to talk to the other potentially participating schools, and a venue still needs to be secured. Cathy has booked Peoria Charter buses for the Purdue event, information on bus fees will go out at a later time.

(John Currey) The ensemble will be playing on 1/30 in Peoria at the All-State conference. A program is needed. Last year, Amy Weber created a program for the orchestra's performance; Mr. Currey will speak to Amy and see if she is willing to work on this project – otherwise another volunteer is needed. Mr. Currey will book buses through the district for this performance.

The Airmen of Note concert has been confirmed for 4/28; our jazz ensemble will open for them. Tickets are free, volunteers will be needed, they have requested help advertising the concert on our social media. Essentially Ellington audition recordings are due 12/18, which is about a month earlier than in the past. Mr. Currey and Nick Schulze have written a grant to sponsor Terrell Stafford to come and work with bands across all unit 4 schools; district approval is pending.

Marching Band Report: (Beth Frasca, via email report to Beth Allender) Beth is working on getting information about new uniforms. She wants to talk to at least four companies before presenting findings. Many thanks to Gwendolyn Breg and other volunteers for their help at the CU Marching Showcase, especially drying the plumes! More volunteers are still needed for the 10/6 football games and 10/7 Danville competition; a request will be sent via CutTime. Johnna Dunne will be the Marching Band VP starting next year, we are excited she is taking over the role!

(John Currey) Joe Wolf (retired Centennial and Jefferson band director) has been working with the marching band.

Prize Day will be the week of October 21. The directors are asking for donations for prizes; prizes can be almost anything, the more garbage the better. Prize donations can be dropped off in the band room.

Orchestra Report: (Johnna Dunne) Nothing to report. Mr. Currey has secured 100 tickets for the orchestra students to travel to Chicago to see an open rehearsal of the CSO on 4/2. He will ask the school to pay for the busses.

Choir Report: VP position is still open.

Website Report: (Jessie Bhalerao) Nothing to report. Info about Jazz at Jupiter's food tickets can be added to the website.

Treasurer's Report: (Doeun Kim) See submitted treasurer report for specific transactions. ILMEA fees have been collected. Football parking has brought in \$320, \$600 and \$770 for the first three games. People will get reminders for outstanding fees. Urbana HS did the financial accounting the the CU Marching Showcase this year, so that information is still pending.

Booster Business: (Beth Allender) Still need volunteers to fill open VP positions for concert band, choir and fundraising/marketing.

Senior night is 10/25. Cathy Hong will procure the flowers. Mrs. Currey will work on logistics. Mrs. Morrisette will get a group photo of the seniors for the replay concert gift.

Ongoing Conversations:

Fruit Sale: (Jody Cook) Denise Fonner has stepped up to co-chair this fundraiser, which is awesome. Envelopes will go out next week. Sale starts 10/10. There will be a month to sell fruit. Paper order forms should be turned in to the band room as they are filled out – don't wait until the end. Deadline to turn in forms is 11/11. Fruit will be delivered 12/6, volunteers needed to help sort and box fruit. Families will come 12/7 to pick up fruit and deliver.

Cost of fruit goes up every year, but our prices haven't really increased. The 40# box has gone up \$1.25. Last year we increased the cost of the 10# box from \$24 to \$25 (2023 prices – 10# box, \$25; 20# box, \$40). We will raise price of 20# box to \$45 this year.

A warehouse is needed to sort fruit! Last year, CU Adventures in Time and Space donated their space, but they are renovating this year and it's not available. If you know of an UNHEATED warehouse space with a loading dock, please contact Jody Cook. Mr. Currey will talk to Knox Array to see if they have suitable space. Andrea Sullivan will speak with the food bank.

Requests: (Johnna Dunne) Johnna has suggested possible avenues for passive fundraising, like having special deals at local restaurants; she will look into that. She also suggests we create and sell Central HS-themed scarves as a way to bring in some funds. The scarves cost approximately \$5 to make, they can sell for \$10. They can be sold at the Centennial Artisan Fair on 12/13, as well as potentially at football games. She will look into booking a booth at the Fair. An announcement can also be put in the daily announcements and orders can also be taken that way.

Trivia Night – Let's do it again! Cathy Hong will talk to last year's committee and hopefully come up with a few potential dates to get the ball rolling. Maybe we can hold it in the commons this year? Might be a little more spacious.

Johnna has also requested something be done to improve the bell case in the marching band pit; she feels it is unsightly. Mrs. Currey is not willing to make a change at this point; this can be discussed for next season.

Band Director's Report: (John Currey) Nothing to report.

(Jennifer Currey) The U of I competition itinerary will be published soon; it is looking to be a long day (~12 hours). Students will need to have 2 meals over the course of the day. Students will be told to bring a sack lunch, but dinner at Memorial Stadium is expensive. Is there something that can be done to provide food for the band members after they perform? Gwendolyn Breg, Jessie Bhalerao and Joanna Wozniak will look into possible meal options. Perhaps parents will be willing to donate money so food can be ordered.

Choir Director's Report: (Ann Marie Morrissette) Uniforms are in, they need to be hemmed. Joanna Wozniak and Cathy Hong will look into the best way to accomplish that.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 4, 7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn by Johnna Dunne; motion seconded by Denise Fonner. Meeting adjourned.