

Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting
Monday, November 4, 2024

In attendance: Joanna Wozniak, Beth Allender, Cathy Hong, Andrea Sullivan, Doeun Kim, Margee Poole, Jessie Bhalerao, Gwendolyn Breg, Denise Fonner, Jody Cook, Beth Frasca, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Ann Marie Morrissette

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve September 2024 minutes made by Cathy Hong. 2nd by Margee Poole. Ayes carry, minutes are approved.

Marching Band Report: (Beth Frasca) No new information yet on the search for new uniforms. Last two events of the season are the Replay Concert (11/20) and the Middle School Tour (11/22). Replay Concert: Joanna Wozniak will take care of the photo gifts and drinks; Cathy Hong will take care of the cookies. Beth Allender will create a signup genius to request parent volunteers to serve the refreshments after the concert. Middle School Tour: Students will need to be dropped off at Edison, NOT Central; they will not be returning to Edison, so they can't leave vehicles there. Beth Frasca will create a signup genius asking for parent volunteers to chaperone this event. Uniform cleaning will be done spring semester. Beth Frasca and Gwendolyn Breg will clean the front part of the trailer and get it ready to be left over the winter. The large coolers need to be replaced; the plan is to get 3-4 smaller coolers with wheels to make it easier to move them around.

(John Currey): The U of I competition went really well. The students felt good about how they performed. They talked about how the effort matters more than the place they earned, but it was still really nice to have their efforts validated in a second-place finish in their class. Thanks to Jessie Bhalerao for bringing the pizzas when there was a delivery snafu. The pizzas were paid for by over \$400 in parent donations; this seemed to work well, might be good to have a similar plan in the future (asking for monetary donations instead of snacks, in order to provide more substantial sustenance.)

Jazz Report: (Cathy Hong) The Jazz at Jupiter's event went well. The timing of pizza service is always tricky, given their oven limitations. The cost of walk-in tickets was increased this year to try and promote advance sales (giving the restaurant a better idea of how much pizza would be needed) – this appears to have been somewhat successful; there were only 24 walk-in ticket purchases (in the past there were 70+), and there were 159 advance ticket sales. The final invoice from Jupiter's still needs to be reconciled, but it's possible we actually made a little bit of money. More people came to just watch and not eat – overall it was a great night.

The next event is 1/24, Jazz at City Center (located near Green and Neil) the night before the Purdue Jazz Fest. Jupiter's was booked for this date, so this is a new location we're trying (same owners). This location has no kitchen, so food will have to be catered, which means that all food sales will have to be made in advance. Food will likely be some kind of taco/chili bar. There is a minimum number of presale tickets that will have to be met. The minimum is usually higher at

City Center than Jupiter's, but the owners have offered the Jupiter's minimum to us for this event. More info on this closer to the event. Parking might be an issue, but the owners of the City Center also own the nearby ACE Hardware, so it's possible overflow parking can use that lot.

Jazz Ensemble will perform at the ILMEA state conference on 1/30 at 7:30 in Peoria. Mr. Currey will secure the bus. Depending on the timing of when students need to leave, school buses might still be doing afternoon routes, and therefore unavailable, so a coach might be needed.

Cathy Hong will speak separately to the Curreys about Swing Central plans.

(John Currey) Phil Cruise came to work with the jazz bands. Reggie Thomas and Rich Hayden were also able to visit for a few hours. The grant to bring Terell Stafford to Champaign was approved, Central will split costs with other participating schools. The only dates he can come are 11/20-11/22, which conflict with the Replay Concert and Middle School Tour, so we will have to schedule creatively with the other schools. EE recording will take place on 11/24 (time TBD); additional recording can also take place on 12/14, the final audition recordings are due 12/18.

Orchestra Report: (John Currey) on 2/11, the chamber orchestras from both Central and Centennial will rehearse together with all of the incoming (current 8th grade) students and perform a concert. There will be a massed orchestra performance, as well as performances by each of the chamber orchestras.

Choir Report: VP position is still open.

Website Report: (Jessie Bhalerao) The website went down for a couple of days on 10/18, it is now back up. David Frye is still a signatory on the website and still involved, which is relevant when things like this happen.

Treasurer's Report: (Doeun Kim) See submitted treasurer report for specific transactions. Still collecting fees for marching band, jazz band and ILMEA. Football parking is still ongoing. A \$1000 donation was made to the choir program. Central's portion of the CU Showcase donations was \$736.52. The Purdue Jazz Fest entrance fee is \$1800 and has been paid.

Booster Business:

Ongoing Conversations:

Fruit Sale: (Jody Cook) Sales are coming in but appear to be lagging behind where they were at this point last year. A warehouse has been secured! The owners of 2 Men and a Truck (a band family) have donated warehouse space near Harris and Bradley (near Franklin middle school). There is no loading dock so the owners prefer to have their people unload the truck and then students can sort/repackage the fruit. Fruit sorting will take place right after school on 12/6,

fruit pickup will be on Saturday, 12/7. A signup genius will go out to students to sign up for a time to pick up their orders. The warehouse space has a good traffic flow pattern for the distribution of orders.

Winter Guard: (Doeun Kim) Abby Mitchell has submitted a schedule and budget proposal for winter guard for the upcoming season. The plan is to attend four competitions and hopefully qualify for state (which they won last year). Instead of Abby and John Tyson (assistant) submitting hours for remuneration, Doeun proposes a flat rate for each of them, which will keep accounting simpler. The total budget proposal is \$4375 (plus \$500 in member dues). Jody Cook motions to adopt this budget, which includes a flat rate fee of \$2500 for Abby Mitchell and \$1500 for John Tyson. Joanna Wozniak seconds the motion. Ayes carry, motion passes.

(Scarf fundraiser) Johnna Dunne reports (via message) that 30 scarves have been completed with both Central and Centennial designs and will be sold on 12/13 at Centennial's craft fair. Thanks to Gwendolyn Breg for helping with this project.

Trivia Night – (Cathy Hong) proposed date of Sunday, 3/9. Cathy will check with Jupiter's to see if that date is open (Jupiter's has reorganized their upstairs space and we will be able to fit more tables). Jennifer Currey will request the commons as a backup location.

Chimes – Andrea Sullivan asked about the replacement chimes – they have arrived and are being used. John Currey says that a new frame is needed for the vibes. The Music Shoppe took a look and might have a frame we can purchase.

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

(Jennifer Currey) Would like ballpark price and timeline for new uniforms to get the ball rolling and communicate information to interested parties who will help pay for them. Some of the marching baritones and mellophones (and cases) will need to be replaced soon, as they are in rough shape.

Choir Director's Report: (Ann Marie Morrissette) Still considering how best to use the recent \$1000 donation; need to send thank you note. Joanna Wozniak will help with uniform hems starting week of 11/12. The choir will collaborate with orchestra for a joint piece at the December concert.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 2, 7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn by Jody Cook; motion seconded by Gwendolyn Breg. Meeting adjourned.