

Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting
Monday, December 2, 2024

In attendance: Joanna Wozniak, Beth Allender, Cathy Hong, Andrea Sullivan, Doeun Kim, Margee Poole, Jessie Bhalerao, Gwendolyn Breg, Denise Fonner, Beth Frasca, Kelly McAllister, Chuck Hayes, Jaime Williams, Matthew Bannon, Steve Simon, Anna Simon, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Ann Marie Morrisette

** Meeting was conducted over Google Meets due to inclement weather.

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve November 2024 minutes made by Beth Frasca. 2nd by Jessie Bhalerao. Ayes carry, minutes are approved.

Marching Band Report: (Beth Frasca) Uniform search update: An initial verbal quote of \$50,000 - 70,000 was provided by the Band Shoppe, although this seems low. This quote covers bibs, jackets and shakos. Shoes would add another \$5000-7000; bags are about \$25 each, although we still have some newish ones so we might not need to replace all of them. Beth is also in communication with DeMoulin and FJM. Next steps: meet with the directors to decide on a design, which will produce a more exact quote. A front-zip jacket is definitely preferred. Timeframe: Beth should have more information within a week. An order would need to be placed by February or March to have them by the next marching season. New uniforms were last purchased 20 years ago; they were funded by the boosters, the school and the district each paying for a third of the costs. There might need to be another fundraiser in the spring to help pay for them. Mrs. Currey and Beth Frasca discussed a mattress fundraiser. It is felt that a fundraiser might get more support if it is in service to a specific purpose rather than "general funds".

Jazz Report: (Cathy Hong) Cathy had mic issues on her computer, so her report was presented via chat and support from Mr. Currey. Swing Central: Champaign Country Club agreed to accept \$5 per paid participant (people who purchase tickets, not musicians) instead of requiring a larger food order. CCC profits have gone down since covid, and this will help make the income more equitable between CCC and Central. We will no longer be permitted to bring in outside food/snacks/drinks for the performers (with the exception of cake), but it might be possible to work out a food option for the students that is less expensive than the meal tickets.

The 1/24/25 event at the City Center (night before Purdue Jazz Festival) conflicts with a pep band basketball commitment. Participating in two events on the same day is not tenable, so an alternative "pep band requirement" will be devised.

(John Currey): recording for the Essentially Ellington has occurred; there is a plan to record 12/8 at 5:30, with a tentative final recording date on 12/14 (time TBD) if needed. Terrell Stafford's work with the ensemble was very helpful and the band is sounding good.

1/30 ILMEA performance will be at 7:30. All-state results should be released on Wednesday, so there will be a better idea of how many students will already be in Peoria and how many will need to be transported. Hopefully the students will leave early enough (around 2) that the school will provide a coach bus. Warmup will be around 6:30, return to school estimated to be after 11.

Purdue Jazz Fest schedule: the first Central group plays at noon, the last plays at 5:30. With 6 groups performing, the day will be busy. The bus will probably leave Central around 8am.

Orchestra Report: (John Currey) The chamber orchestra has been invited to participate again in the ISU orchestra festival. The date of the event is 2/14, it is an all-day event. The organizers are asking for a \$500 fee this year. Mrs. Currey states this is a good value for the amount of time the students will be there. Jessie Bhalerao moves to allot \$500 for the entrance fee to the ISU orchestra festival. Motion is seconded by Jaime Williams. Ayes carry, motion passes.

There will be a combined orchestra/choir/wind piece at the conclusion of the 12/12 concert; the piece is a Leroy Anderson Christmas medley.

2/11 – 8th graders will come to Central to rehearse and perform with the high school orchestras.

Choir Report: VP position is still open.

Website Report: (Jessie Bhalerao) Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: (Doeun Kim) See submitted treasurer report for specific transactions. Still collecting fees. Doeun requests a list of students who ate lunch at the 2nd ILMEA day to make sure everyone has paid. Cuttime sends reminders of unpaid fees on the 1st of each month, which has resulted in more fees being paid sooner. A new CPA is needed (the current one is expensive), please give any recommendations to Doeun.

Two CD's will mature on 12/20. One is for \$21,000; one is for \$20,000. Normally these would be rolled over into new CD's (length of which is determined by the best available interest rates). Doeun suggests maybe new CD's should wait until more information is provided about the cost and payment schedule for new uniforms. After discussion, Beth Allender decides to hold off on CD renewal to guarantee funds are available to purchase uniforms; the unused portion can be put back into a CD.

Booster Business:

Requests:

- 1) (John Currey) A drum shield is needed to produce higher quality recordings; a shield helps isolate percussion music, which makes it easier to change levels when mixing tracks. In the past, we've borrowed one from Mike Anderson; he is not available this

year, and it makes sense for the music program to own their own shield. David Frye located and ordered a drum shield for \$416.38 (incl. taxes and shipping). Margee Poole moves to allocate booster funds to cover the cost of this purchase. Motion is seconded by Jessie Bhalerao. Ayes carry, motion passes.

- 2) (John Currey) A new zoom recorder is needed. The current recorder (acquired in 2007) no longer works properly. Music Shoppe doesn't carry them (can use school funds there), Greg Pluta has located a suitable H2 replacement on Amazon for \$99.95. Anna Simon moved to allocate booster funds for this purchase. Gwendolyn Breg seconded the motion; ayes carry, motion passes.
- 3) (John Currey) The music program is in desperate need of new mellophones. Of the 19 the program owns, maybe 3-4 are in "ok" condition; the cases are also falling apart. Pricing for new Yamaha instruments: \$1649 for lacquered (gold) ones, \$1779 for silver ones. Silver looks better, but most of the band instruments are gold. At least 6-7 are needed; using a combination of booster and school funds, perhaps 3-4 could be purchased this year and more next year. In addition, the vibes are also falling apart; perhaps they can be repaired. It is suggested that the boosters allocate a certain dollar amount for the purchase/repair of new instruments. After discussion, it is decided to put a decision about the mellophones off until the January meeting, after it is determined what the financial requirement for the new uniforms will be.
- 4) (Jennifer Currey) Andrew Myers has proposed a project to complete his Eagle Scout requirements. Andrew was scheduled to present this project at the meeting; due to illness, Mrs. Currey presented the information. The proposed project is to add additional shelving to the uniform storage room. Working with Scott Schmidt, Andrew will work to add a row of high shelves on the South wall, and adjustable-height shelves on the East wall. That area is used for storage of staging pieces (optional risers). Some pieces can be moved to the service center (railing pieces and a handicap accessible ramp that haven't been used to date), which will make space for the shelves. The shelves can be used to store infrequently used bins (ponchos) and extra shakos, so assigned shakos can then be stored on existing shelves. Andrew is still working on a detailed budget but estimates the project will cost \$200-300 in supplies. Beth Frasca moves to allocate up to \$500 of booster funds for this project. The motion is seconded by Douen Kim. Ayes carry, motion passes.

Ongoing Conversations:

Fruit Sale: (Jody Cook via email to Beth Allender) About \$20,000 of fruit has been sold, including donations. This is slightly down from last year's sale. It was suggested that not having a specific goal for the fundraising (i.e., a trip) and poorer quality fruit might have contributed to lower sales. Because of a change in delivery date by the fruit company, resulting in delivery not occurring until Sunday 12/8, we will not be able to use the Two Men & a Truck warehouse. All fruit business will happen on Sunday, 12/8 – delivery, unloading, sorting, order pickup and delivery. If anyone has hand carts or dollies to assist in the unloading, that would be much appreciated. There is a signup genius to help with unloading and sorting. Help is needed!!

Scarves: (Gwendolyn Breg) about 15 scarves were sold at the replay concert, which was good. The black and white scarves sold out, so maroon Central and blue Centennial scarves are left. They will be sold at the 12/13 Centennial holiday bazaar.

Trivia Night – (Jaime Williams) the committee will meet for the first time on 12/4. The date of the event is tentatively 3/9, location TBD.

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

(Jennifer Currey) Nothing to report.

Choir Director's Report: (Ann Marie Morrissette) Joanna Wozniak is almost finished with the hemming of the choir uniforms.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 13, 7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn by Anna Simon; motion seconded by Jaime Williams. Meeting adjourned.