

Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting  
Monday, January 13, 2025

In attendance: Joanna Wozniak, Beth Allender, Cathy Hong, Andrea Sullivan, Doeun Kim, Gwendolyn Breg, Johnna, Dunne, Beth Frasca, Jaime Williams, Matthew Bannon, Steve Simon, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Ann Marie Morrissette

**Approval of minutes:** Motion to approve December 2024 minutes made by Beth Frasca. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnna Dunne. Ayes carry, minutes are approved.

**Marching Band Report:** (Beth Frasca) The uniform washing project will begin after spring break. The plan to purchase new uniforms is ongoing. Beth Frasca met with De Moulin to create a design, there is no mockup as of yet. Jennifer Currey is working with the school district to secure as much funding as possible so as to reduce the fundraising burden. New coolers still need to be purchased. Beth is working on training Gwendolyn Breg.

**Jazz Report:** (Cathy Hong) The jazz event the evening before the Purdue Jazz Festival has been moved to the commons, it became too difficult to plan an event at the City Center. Hopefully the event will begin at 5, bands will play for 30 minutes and it will be over by 7:30(ish). It's possible the basketball game will create some parking difficulties. Mr. Currey will set up two rows of risers for the bands. Cathy is exploring concession options, maybe there will be pizza to sell.

Central Jazz Fest has been moved up a week because of a scheduling conflict with the orchestra. This new weekend is the same weekend as the Engineering Open House, this will probably not cause attendance problems for us. A visiting artist has yet to be secured, Mr. Currey is working on it. Cathy will not be there for the Friday and Saturday of Jazz Fest, people will need to be extra-prepared for the event.

**Orchestra Report:** (John Currey) The chamber orchestra will be traveling to ISU on 2/14 to participate in their orchestra festival. There is a \$500 fee for participation. On 2/11, Central and Centennial chamber groups will play at Central with the rising orchestra 8<sup>th</sup> graders. There will be a combined rehearsal, a break and then a performance.

**Choir Report:** VP position is still open.

**Website Report:** (Jessie Bhalerao via Beth Allender) There was a weird spam/scam issue that arose, so names and email addresses were taken off the website. Nothing else to report.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Doeun Kim) See submitted treasurer report for specific transactions. Still collecting fees. Jazz entrance fees were paid. Two CDs matured in December. The winter guard uniforms were wildly over budget (budget: \$400, actual cost: \$732.77), mostly likely due to under-estimation. Abby Mitchell offered to have her paycheck reduced by that amount,

however the boosters opted to cover the overage. Motion made by Joanna Wozniak to use booster funds to pay the extra \$332.77. Motion seconded by Beth Frasca; ayes carry, motion passes. It is suggested Abby Mitchell over-estimate uniform costs for next year.

### **Booster Business:**

Requests:

- 1) (John Currey) The music program is still in need of new mellophones. Quotes have been obtained for Yamaha instruments; they are around \$1650/instrument. A set of 8 would be ideal. Movement on this project is still waiting for more specific information about the booster financial contribution to new marching band uniforms.
- 2) (John Currey) The frame of the field vibes has broken. A new frame would cost around \$1566. This request is also pending specific financial information about new marching band uniforms.

New Business: An anonymous donor has purchased 5 more Wenger stools for the band music program. These stools usually retail \$250ish.

### **Ongoing Conversations:**

Fruit Sale: (Jody Cook via Beth Allender) The final total from the fruit sale was slightly below the previous year's amount, but still a great sale. A net profit of around \$14,600 was raised, although student credits will come out of that total. The delivery, sorting and pickup of the fruit went smoothly; there were perhaps "too many" volunteers. It is possible that doing all of this over one day instead of the traditional two-day event is actually easier for everyone. The fruit was large, so there were leftovers after all the smaller boxes were filled. This extra fruit was sold at the band concert; the rest was donated.

Scarves: (Johnna Dunne) The Centennial craft fair was not as successful as anticipated. Only two scarves were sold, but the overall nature of the fair was perhaps more student-focused than family-focused. Overall, 22 scarves have been sold along with a \$20 donation. Materials cost \$157.40, with a gross profit of \$350. More success will likely be had by selling at football games and the CU Marching Showcase. If the jazz store is reopened, maybe they could also be sold online.

Joanna Wozniak and Gwendolyn Breg will sell them at the 2/11 Central-Centennial basketball game.

Jennifer Currey proposed the idea of selling them through the FBLA store at Central. They have a little store and sell student crafts. The store is opened when reunion/tour groups come through the school, and this might be another target audience. Johnna Dunne will write an email inquiring about this opportunity and Jennifer Currey and Ann Marie Morrissette will forward it to the appropriate Central staff.

Trivia Night – (Cathy Hong) The committee met on 12/4 and 1/12. The event will be held at Jupiter's on March 9. Jupiter's has reconfigured their event space, so now there is room for 30 tables. There will be 9 rounds instead of 10. Registration/food will be at 4, the game will begin at 5. Jennifer and John Currey and Ann Marie Morrissette will serve as judges again. Save the date emails will go out this week.

**Band Director's Report:** (John Currey) The Jazz ensemble will perform at the All-State conference on 1/30. The ensemble will leave school at 2:30, return around 10:30. Mr. Currey is hoping for a charter bus, as there is equipment to move. Students will eat in East Peoria around 4. There will be 25 students in total, although 4 of them will already be at the conference. Mr. Williams has been given the ILMEA Outstanding Administrator Award which will be presented at the conference on 1/30. This is a really cool thing.

(Jennifer Currey) Solo & Ensemble will be 3/8. Information and audition packets for next year will be distributed to 8<sup>th</sup> graders soon. 1/22 is future freshman night. There is a consideration to use the orchestra for graduation instead of the wind symphony. There is a lot of equipment to move for the wind symphony. Graduation is 5/27; finals are 5/27-28 for non-seniors.

**Choir Director's Report:** (Ann Marie Morrissette) There is a new choir festival through the University of Illinois. It is called Illinois Sings and will be held on 2/15 at Krannert. The registration fee is \$20/student; if enough students attend, the choir would be able to perform as a featured choir. A bunch of Illinois musical bigwigs will be participating; there will be clinics, warmups, breakout sessions and a massed ensemble. If only a few Central students are able to go, they will still be able to participate in these events.

**Next Meeting: Monday, February 10, 7:00 pm**

Motion to adjourn by Beth Allender; motion seconded by Gwendolyn Breg. Meeting adjourned.