

Champaign Central Music Boosters

General Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2014, Choir Room 7:30 PM

Present: John Currey, Mr. Larson, G. David Frye, Drew Phillips, Suzanne Lee, Darla Wilson, Mary Schoen Petersen, Donna Butler, Tracy Nugent, Leslie Ervin

This meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM, President Donna Butler presiding.

Donna Butler moved to vote Leslie Ervin in as new secretary to complete the year after the resignation of Linda Wessels. All agreed.

Drew Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes from January 20, 2014. The motion was seconded by G. David Frye.

Fundraising Report: Donna Butler gave fundraising information. Donna did not have \$ numbers but had heard **Trivia Night** was a big success – more teams than we have had in the past and everyone had an enjoyable time. **Fannie May Candy Sales** were done very quickly, delivered before Valentine's Day and were a success. 642 boxes of candy sold - \$2,600 went to kids' band accounts and \$1,600 went to the Boosters.

Jazz Band Report: G. David Frye gave Jazz Band Report. **Swing Central** was a success. No final \$ numbers. Some small issues with chaperones in room with the kids and subsequently unnecessary mess left in room. Agreed that we need more chaperones for future and will need the "holding" room monitored at all times to eliminate this issue. **Eau Claire Jazz Fest** will be held on April 4th and 5th for all Jazz Bands and Combos. Trip is coming quickly. Mr. Currey said the bands have been working very hard in preparation. David is checking on busses and the District's ½ monetary support. Still looking for a few more chaperones, if available. **Jazz Fest** is May 2nd and 3rd. Jazz Chairs are in need of a committee to be put together to handle the different tasks. Special year because there will be a performance from the Alumni Band of Central. Mr. Currey has heard from some alumni but needs more participants. Need to reach out to anyone you know that has connections with past Jazz Band alumni. It was suggested that more LED lights would be a nice touch to the decorations in the gym. G. David Frye is looking into more details to see if this is possible and would work for the room.

Orchestra Report: Mr. Larson gave Orchestra Report. **Senior Night** will be April 30th at 7:00 PM. Has asked Hines Gospel Group to perform. Donations of cookies and punch will be needed.

Chicago Symphony Orchestra Trip: Trip was enjoyed by all who were able to participate. They arrived a little late and seating wasn't the best for the first part of the performance, but they were able to move. Mr. Currey said the Orchestra is always wonderful and very glad that they provide the opportunity for the kids to get to hear their rehearsal.

Wind Symphony/Symphonic/Concert/Marching Band Report. Mr. Currey discussed that marching band numbers could possibly reach 200+ for the coming 2014 season. That would mean more uniforms needed along with some instruments. Trying to encourage more of the parents from the younger students to help with uniforms and volunteer work for Marching Band. Mr. Currey confirmed that auditions will be held May 6, 7 and 8. Handing out information and music to Middle Schools and the information is on the band website. Flutes and Oboe numbers are good. **Superstate** is May 10th.

Sent tapes in for Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band. Will hear soon if they are participating at Superstate.

Tracy Nugent gave Treasurer's Report.

Current Balances as follows:

Checking: \$ 56,655 (Approximately \$20,000 is Student's Accounts)

Savings: \$ 3,070

Paypal: Less than \$1,000 (In-and-Out Account)

- Discussed possibility of volunteer to help with taxes. Tracy said it can be more involved and that going forward it would not cost that much and was worth it to have an audited tax return from an outside source. Discussions will be ongoing to make the best decision for the Boosters and the volunteers.
- Discussed the need for a list or procedures that are uniform for hiring extra help that the Band uses from time to time. This information needs to be given to the Treasurer at an earlier date so that payment can be uniform and timely. The information would include person's name and personal information, amount to be paid, and exactly what job/tasks they are being paid for, etc. Mr. Currey was going to work with Mr. Nugent to come up with some ideas that will be used for the future.
- Eagle Scout project was discussed to rebuild Decker Theatre apron system. We were not sure if donations/volunteers would be needed for helpers and supplies. Donna had been told that everything had been covered. Project was going to proceed and was going to hopefully be completed for the upcoming musical.
- End of Year Banquet was discussed and Donna Butler suggested May 12th as a possible date to mark on the calendar. Was going to check with Mrs. Currey but it seemed like it could work with all of the busy schedules at that time of year. Janet Roadcap has generously agreed to help with the food again this year. Need coordinator and helpers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Next meeting will be Monday, April 21, 2014.

Band Schedule at maroons.org.