

Champaign Central Music Booster Minutes from April 2, 2012

Present: Rebecca Brooks, Scott Bush, Amy Campbell, Jessica Corry, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Beth Englebrecht-Wiggans, Janet Frazetto, G. David Frye, Kari Imlay, Melanie Kenney, Risë Lange, Suzanne Lee, Mary Schoen Petersen, Melinda Wilcox, Darla Wilson

The March minutes were approved with the correction of a typo in the spelling of Fannie May.

Nominating Committee: A committee of three (Shandra Summerville, Kim Hubbard, and Lisa Magro) has been formed to find and present a potential slate of officers for the 2012-2013 school year. Officers (president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer) and chairpersons (including choir, orchestra, marching band, jazz band, fund raising, and communications) are needed.

End of the Year Banquet: This event will be held on Friday, May 18 at Central. Setup will begin at 5 pm, dinner will be served at 5:30, and awards will be given at 6. The date, unfortunately, conflicts with the Acting Class play, but no other date is available.

Bylaws: The changes suggested to the Bylaws at the March meeting were reviewed. Darla Wilson made a motion, which was seconded, to accept the bylaws. The floor was opened to discussion. A suggestion was made to add wording that required advanced notice of general meetings. After the discussion, Darla moved that the bylaws be accepted with that amendment. The motion was seconded and carried.

Jazz Band: Jazz Fest is April 27 and 28. Lots of volunteers are needed to make this work. There will be guest artists each night.

Marching Band: Uniform washing continues. New uniforms will likely need to be ordered as more students have signed up for Marching Band. The uniform committee reports there are currently about 149 jackets (including new ones) and 123 bibs. Cleaning of the cage also continues. Several items will be discarded. The uniform turn-in list needs to be checked before May 1 (ask Kim Wurl for the list) so that any obligations for seniors (money owed for missing uniform pieces) can be turned into the office before graduation. Melanie and Risë also report that crooked hems have been taken out, and they are discussing fittings for students. A suggestion was made to look into dry cleaning uniforms next year and charging the students (approximately \$10). A brief discussion followed, in which concerns about all the fees charged for various programs were raised, although it was pointed out that kids on free and reduced lunch receive fee waivers, and that money comes from Booster funds. No decision was made and discussion was tabled.

Cedar Point: The trip Deadline is April 13.

Fundraising: Scott Bush reported that Janet Roadcap sent letters to local businesses asking for donations for the music programs. About \$8,000 has been raised thus far. Scott is contacting both Wal-Mart and Jim Turpin (of WDWS) to seek performance opportunities for fundraising. Scott noted that the

car wash program has been a good money maker, but someone would need to volunteer to run it this summer. Thank-you letters and tax statements still need to be sent to donors for Swing Central.

Larson Director's Report:

- The Choir Concert will now be held on May 7 at 7:30 (7 pm call). It will showcase senior solos and refreshments will be served.
- Jazz Choir rehearsals have resumed.
- Pit orchestra is rehearsing for Beauty and the Beast.

Curreys Directors' Reports:

- Scholarships are available for students for summer camps. There is one full (\$375) scholarship for ISYM. There is also approximately \$1100 that can be distributed to other students for other camps. Applications are due by April 23 and students receiving money must agree to participate in music programs next year or refund the scholarship amount if they do not.
- Band and Orchestra concert is May 2.
- Wind Symphony had to decline the Superstate invitation because so many of the kids would be on the Ellington trip.
- Mr. Currey won the Cupcake Award, which is a \$500 grant from the C-U Schools Foundation.
- A trumpet player from the Lincoln Centre is coming on April 11 to give a clinic to Jazz Ensemble, but any interested student may observe.
- Savannah was fantastic. The students were well behaved. The clinics were excellent. Neither band was a finalist this year, but the bands attending this year were stronger as a whole.
- The Stevenson H.S. orchestra trip was a good opportunity. The students practiced in a conference room, which was much bigger than the band room at Central and had better acoustics. The Chicago Symphony rehearsal was interesting for the kids because although it was a first rehearsal, it was nearly perfect.
- Band auditions are May 8-10. Ellington is May 3-7.

Treasurer's Report: The Music Booster's account is still solvent, with deposits from donations, Swing, and fruit sales (which were down this year) and Fannie May sales (which were about the same as last year). We are waiting to hear whether new accounts are being issued. First Financial Bank bought out Free Star and it is unclear if former Free Star account holders will need new account numbers (and thus new checks).

The next meeting will be held on May 21 at 8 pm, following the PTSA meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Brooks, secretary