

## Minutes

Central High School Music Boosters  
May 20, 2013  
CHS Band Room

Present: Melanie Kenney, Kari Imlay, Belinda Courtney, Julie Healy Scott Bush, Linda Wessels, Mary Schoen Petersen, Drew Phillips, Stephen Larson, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Tracy Nugent, Beth Engelbrecht-Wiggans, and several others

President Suzanne Lee called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Members unanimously approved minutes of the April 22 meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Beth Engelbrecht-Wiggans):

Our income and expenditures have been generally in keeping with the budget approved in August. Recent purchases: computer and a (musical) keyboard.

Board Report (Suzanne Lee):

- Repair of leak in red trailer due to misaligned hinges cost approx. \$350.
- A separate email list for marching band is being established.
- Not enough adults have stepped up to help run fundraising car washes over the summer, so only one or two car washes will be held in late summer as community building events.
- Summer music camp scholarship decisions are in process.

Jazz Report (Suzanne Lee)

Recognition of and thank you to Amy Campbell, Jazz Fest chair, for a successful event April 26-27.

Choir (Stephen Larson)

Chamber Choir will sing at graduation on May 28.

Orchestra

No report

Concert Band (John Currey)

Wind symphony will play at graduation on May 28. Looking for parent help (from someone who does not have a graduate) with instruments and the white trailer.

End-of-Year Banquet (Julie Healy)

End-of-year banquet for orchestra and bands to be held at 5:30 on May 22 in the central cafeteria. Large turnout (300+) expected. "Stand-by" line for those without reservations to be sure all those with reservations get served.

Marching Band (Suzanne Lee)

- Uniform fitting process going well. Needed purchase of iron and sleeve board to be covered by equipment line item in budget. Mr. Currey to get input from custodian on extension cords.
- Marching Band Camp August 4-9; parent meeting August 4.
- Boosters agreement to travel company to commit to trip is June 7. Fifty percent have responded.
- Mr. Currey has secured two PTSA grants for instrument purchases: \$600 for a violin and \$450 for a mellophone. He is exploring other funding sources (building and district funds) before asking Music Boosters for money for additional instrument purchases as well as speakers. Mr. Currey is also seeking additional funding and staffing for the band program. Budget has remained the same despite a more than three-fold increase in enrollment (from 55 to 175 students).

Nominating Committee (Julie, Healy, On behalf of herself, Michelle Horvath, and Belinda Courtney)

Presented slate of candidates to fill organization roles for 2013-14 school years:

President: Donna Butler

Vice-President: Suzanne Lee

Treasurer: Tracy Nugent

Secretary: Linda Wessel

Jazz: (co-chairs with one vote) Chris and Debbie Miller, LB and David Frye

Marching Band: Julie Healy

Orchestra: (co-chairs with one vote) Shari Hall and Drew Phillips

Suzanne read statements from candidates unable to be present.

No nominations were made from the floor. Slate of candidates was unanimously elected.

Recognition of and thank you to Scott Bush for fundraising efforts.

Directors' Reports

Choir (Stephen Larson):

- Although a record 15 freshmen will enroll in the fall, total enrollment (42) will not change. The choirs could use 8-10 more singers. Discussion of summer school and online courses as tools to make room in schedule for fine arts classes. Discussion of middle school music programs as feeders to high school programs. Before choir was removed from middle school curriculum, Central's choir enrollment ranged from 150 to 180. Membership encouraged to write to school board and administration requesting reinstatement of choir to the middle school curriculum.

- Eight students have accepted invitation to join chorus for John Williams's "Duel of the Fates" performance at the Urbana Pops Orchestra's June 8 concert.

Band (Jennifer Currey):

- Placement auditions are underway. Meeting later this week with Scott Schwartz, Director of the Sousa Archives at U of I, regarding invitation to play at the Virginia Theater in December in a joint fundraising concert for Central, Centennial, and Urbana bands. Schwartz also coordinates the One Community One Stage performance by the three high schools at the Urbana Sweetcorn Festival.

Band (John Currey)

- Jazz Festival ran smoothly. Guest artist Chris Madsen, tenor sax, was fantastic.

- This year's performance at the Illinois SuperState Concert Band Festival, May 3-4, was one of the best this band has had there.

Mrs. Currey expressed thanks for the seniors, whom she described as a great group, especially in setting an example for younger students. "Kudos to the families for raising kids who know how to behave and take leadership without being asked."

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Important Dates:

May 22, 5:50, End-of-Year Banquet, Central Cafeteria

May 28, 6:00, Graduation, Krannert Center

August 4, Marching Band Parent Meeting

August 4-9 Marching Band Camp

August 19 School Resumes

November 27-December 1, Dunkin Donuts Parade in Philadelphia and field trip to NYC

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Wessels