

Champaign Central High School Music Boosters
Monday, August 30, 2010

Present: Tim Born, Rebecca Brooks, Scott Bush, Ruthie Counter, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Chuck Dunnum, Beth Eng-Wig, Beth Etchison, K. Fisher, Becca Foli, David Frye, Don H., Colleen Hammel, Rand Hartzell, Susan Harum, Matt Hurt, Tina Hurt, Karen Kaplan, Stephen Larson, Deena Love, Suhyoung Park, Mary Shoen Petersen, Julie Ramsey, Bruce Reardanz, Connie Sailor, Paul Sailor, Mary Joy Spohrer, John Terwilligen, Vickie Jo Varerl-Garcia, Lisa Warne-Magro, Melinda Wilcox, Ron Wilcox, Darla Wilson, Dan Wurl, Kim Wurl, plus about 10 others

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Introductions. Kim introduced Stephen Larson, the new choir director. Then each of the booster board officers stood and introduced themselves by stating their board jobs and the age of their children.

Approval Of Minutes. The minutes from the May 24, 2010, meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Beth is assistant treasurer. Tim will email the booster's current financial reports when it is ready. Four new sousaphones have been purchased for marching band. A deposit needs to be put down soon on the Swing Central location in order to hold the date. Kim pointed out the wooden locked box known as "the box" that can hold checks, forms, and information for the music boosters.

Fundraising. Scott has four Superstate photos from last year's wind symphony performance at Krannert if anyone is interested in purchasing them. Order forms for marching band t-shirts and jackets will be available online; samples will be displayed at Open House on Wed., Sept. 8. Pops concert is coming up on Oct. 5, and parent volunteers are needed to organize it. The parking fundraiser is coming up soon; Tim is heading that up. He has many students interested in working and will plug people in to the various spots that are available. There is usually a dollar drive in the fall. The fruit sales fundraiser will be chaired by Julie King and Chuck Dunnum. Trivia Night is Jan. 22 and has a committee working on it already. Swing Central, a formal event off-site, and Jazz Fest, an informal event on-site, needs parent volunteers. It was noted for new parents that each student has their own account for fundraising dollars that can pay for the student's music expenses. It carries over from year to year till the student graduates and may be passed on to a sibling if that sibling follows the previous sibling the very next year. Kim sent clipboards around for sign-ups.

Election of Concert Band V.P. Rebecca has agreed to be concert band V.P. Tonight she was officially nominated and approved in that position by a vote.

Marching Band. Parents were thanked for their support during marching band camp. Lynn passed around a sign-up sheet for upcoming band events such as games and festivals. Volunteers are needed as chaperones and for donations of snacks and water.

Volunteer Opportunities. Volunteers are needed for all the reasons and events listed so far. We need to consolidate our contacts for corporate and individual sponsorships and donations so businesses and people are contacted in a coordinated and planned manner.

Miscellaneous. Ruthie Counter said she has Liam Nelson's shoes. Questions were asked about the home football games: volunteers report about 5:45-6:00 P.M. and do not have to pay to get in to the

game (their names are on a list); students need to arrive by 6:00 P.M. and will line up in the tunnel at 6:35 P.M. Thank yous from Jacob Ramsey and Alessandra were received thanking music boosters for scholarship money.

Director's Report. Mr. and Mrs. Currey informed parents that the third marching band bus has been repeatedly late so far. The first two buses arrive in a timely manner, but the last one has been as late as 4:40 P.M. Mrs. Currey talked to the bus people and learned that the lateness is due to Stratton School's schedule. They encourage students who have to get back to school for other commitments to take the first bus. Also, if students are given permission by their parents to drive to practice, they can then help Mr. Currey tear down and put stuff away and still be home earlier than bus #3. A note (or email) from a parent that is signed and dated is required. Jazz auditions are Tues., Aug. 31, and Wed., Sept. 1. Combo auditions are Thurs., Sept. 2. The district has approved a third jazz band this year, though it may not be approved again for next year. Mr. Currey plans to direct the Ensemble and Lab bands. There are 150 to 160 students in band this year, up from last year. Edison students who want to pursue band choose Central, so Mr. Currey anticipates that next year the band could be up to 200 students. The band has too few trumpets. Booster money is available for lessons for students who wish to learn other instruments to help to fill out sections. Mr. Currey noted that electricity is available in the area for the cabinet in the band room and asked for help with the installation of the equipment. Mr. Currey reminded the group of a discussion from a previous meeting with regards to a consortium of schools who would make a five-year commitment of \$800 per year for some well-known composers to compose original music for Central. The first \$400 is due by Sept. 15, 2010. It was noted that although discussed, no formal action had been taken. Tim moved that we join the consortium and pay the fee required. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Currey informed everyone that he has been contacted by a director, whom he considered hiring some time ago, about him working with this director's jazz band. Their band would come here, Mr. Currey would work with them, and then the band would have a gig at the Iron Post. It would require a home stay. The band is from Penn High School in an Indianapolis suburb. We have participated in similar programs where our students benefited. There was a discussion of grants we have received in the past, and those we may apply for again. There was a discussion of the status of band programs. Mrs. Currey noted that the Beginning Band program has been cut, as has Music Theory. Administration has made it known that the assistant director position has been targeted to be cut. The increased size of the band and the projected growth would lend some argument that the position should remain. Mr. Currey read an email seeking in-home placement for foreign exchange music students. The homes need to be secured by August 31. The students, one from Brazil and one from South Korea, will arrive on Sept. 4. The choir director announced that the Madrigal Dinner is a major choir fundraiser, and planning for it will begin soon. He asked that parents interested in the planning to please contact him. Kim expressed appreciation to Mrs. Currey for her exceptional organizational skills.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.