

Champaign Central Music Boosters Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2009

Present: Greg Anderson, Michael Anderson, Tim Born, Rebecca Brooks, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Chuck Dunnum, Jack Durant, Kathy Dwyer, Beth Etchison, Tina Farthing, G. David Frye, Scott Goslin, Colleen Hammel, John Hart, Aslam Hassan, Barbara Jones, Brent Kincheloe, Rita Kincheloe, Lucinda Lawrence, Tom Mohr, Misty Nolan, Mary Shoen Petersen, Bryan Reynolds, Todd Rogers, Connie Sailor, Lynn Weckhorst, Melinda Wilcox, Kim Wurl

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes. Minutes from the August 31 booster meeting were approved.

Correspondence/Communications. Greg asked parents to note the calendar of events on the back of the agenda. Mr. Currey said that Oct. 26 will be Academic Letter Night for orchestra and choir students. Greg read thank you letters from Holly Hart, who received scholarship money for studying French horn, and from Penny Porter from Clark Lindsey Village, who borrowed a clarinet from Mr. Currey. Greg announced that the Unit 4 school board approved a stipend for Jazz Lab Band. Tom Wirtle will lead that band, which will begin rehearsals on Wednesday. Greg read thank you letters written for the boosters and the lab band to send to the school board members and administrators, then passed around the booster letter for parents to sign. Lab band students will sign their letter on Wednesday during rehearsal. We need to tell the school board about our ongoing accomplishments—such as marching band came in third overall at the Washington festival with percussion getting first and that marching band came in second overall at the EIU festival.

Financial Report. Our balance is \$7306.62.

All Music Trip--Spring 2010. The Washington D.C. Trip will be March 10-14, 2010. So far over 115 students are going and about 25 chaperones have expressed interest. The first payment was due Sept. 15 (\$100); the second one is due Oct. 30 (\$200); the third one is due Nov. 30 (\$200); and the last one is due on Jan. 8 (balance). The absolute last day to commit to going on the trip will be Oct. 30. Greg introduced Todd Rogers from Bob Rogers Travel. He spoke a few minutes and answered questions. There will be 3 buses. Replacement drivers will trade halfway through the trip. Optional trip insurance will be \$75-80.00 per person.

Marching Band Report. Rita reported that there is a football game this Friday, and it's homecoming. They need more volunteers. Kids need to be there by 6 P.M. The U of I competition is Oct. 17—lots of volunteers are needed for the pit, the box, and as chaperones. Mrs. Currey said she will get a schedule emailed out to parents. The students perform at 12:03, so there will be no field rehearsal in the morning. Students are to meet at Central at 9:45 A.M. Students can get their hands stamped after the performance so they can go back and watch more bands later. We discussed logistics of loading and unloading the trailer for marching band and the pops concert, then for the game on Oct. 23. The trailer will go to the Punkin' Chunkin' event, but no buses—students will be responsible for their own rides. Replay Concert will be Nov. 3 at 7:30 (has been moved twice) in Coombs gym. Seniors will be honored. Mr. Currey stressed how well the students are doing and asked parents to encourage them to keep working to perfect their performance. Marching band uniforms will be collected sometime after the Nov. 19 school tour.

Concert Band Report. The first annual Pops Concert will be Tuesday, Oct. 20 at Faith United

Methodist Church. Two choirs, three concert bands, and the orchestra will perform. There will be a Fazoli's pasta dinner; cost will be \$10.00 for the dinner and concert and \$3.00 for the concert only, with a cap of \$40.00 per family. Food will be served 5:30-7:30 P.M.; the concert will begin at 6 P.M. Kim asked people to make reservations and deposit their money in the band box. There will be prize drawings. Rita is getting toys from Hobbico. Tom Mohr offered Madrigal Dinner tickets. Any and all prized will be accepted, big or small. Lots of volunteers are needed. Mr. Currey asked Chris Schultz to be the emcee. Kim will have a pops planning meeting at her house on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 7 P.M.

Jazz Band Report. John H. said the bonfire will be Oct. 14 at Kaufman Lake. Ensemble band will bring chocolate, stage band will bring graham crackers, and lab band will bring marshmallows. Cocoa and roasting sticks will be provided. The purpose of the event is to touch base with parents, fill out forms, get contact information, xerox health insurance cards, and discuss equipment details. There is a \$50 fee for each jazz student. Jazz band picture plans have not been finalized yet. There are 69 total students in the jazz bands. Mrs. Currey asked John H. to email her with the dates. So far there is a Nov. 6 gig (2 combos) and a Dec. 3 gig (ensemble). The jazz concert with all three jazz bands will be Nov. 10.

Fundraising Report. The Pops Concert will raise money through the prize drawings, the concert, and the dinner. Dollar drive, headed by Julie King and Stacey Goad, will be Oct. 24. Students will sign up in groups of four with a parent chaperone in each group. Bergner Days are Nov. 14; Leslie Erwin is the lead person. Coupon books cost \$5.00 and have a \$10.00 coupon in them—they must be pre-sold. The Curreys will tell students about it in class and by email. Leslie Erwin will work the pre-sale day on Friday, Nov. 13 (Dr. Tim day). Illini football parking is going well; 8 or 9 kids work at two lots and receive at least \$20.00 minimum in student credit. Chuck said they could use some flags. Fruit sale information will be coming from Julie King and Greg. Pricing will be decided by next week. Fruit will be sold approximately Oct. 26-Nov. 20, then will be ordered, and will arrive around Dec. 10. Kids will deliver the fruit to their customers. Trivia Night is being planned. Details are sketchy, but it may be an annual event. The venue might be Faith UMC; the event will be scheduled in Jan. or Feb.; there will be about 25 tables with 8 people each; tables will cost \$150.00; teams will be encouraged; food will be available; time will be 7-10 P.M. (?). Greg said about 80 jackets have been sold so far and are available on an ongoing basis. There are no deadlines for ordering anymore. The words “maroons”, “music”, or “band” can be embroidered on the jackets. Tom Mohr suggested adding “choir” to that list. Mrs. Currey urged parents or students to label jackets with names.

Directors' Report. Tom said the Madrigal Dinner is in Seely Hall on Dec. 5 and 6. Choir also wants to present another program with Christmas carols and dessert on a Sunday afternoon. He said the capella choirs will also sing at the pops concert. Tom asked if he can send emails out through the maroons' google groups email. Tim said he needs a master list of all the computer and email passwords currently in use. Mr. Currey reminded parents that picture day is tomorrow, Oct. 6. Students can get their picture taken during a concert band class or at lunch. Mrs. Currey passed out IMEA itineraries and permission slips today. Students need to bring them back by Wednesday. IMEA auditions are Oct. 12 in Bloomington. Buses leave at 6:45 A.M. Students can sign up for early auditions, then leave on buses as they fill up with people. The last bus will return by 2 P.M. Students may change at the school, but may not leave the building as there will be marching band on the field that day. David said the sound system is on order. The Dr. Tim trip will be Nov. 14; he is retiring after this year. Cost is \$30.00 per student. Buses leave at 1 P.M. And return by 10 P.M.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.