

Central Music Boosters Minutes
December 11, 2017
7:00 p.m. Central Band Room

In attendance: Jim Duncker, Carrie Duncker, Beth McDonage, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Stephen Larson, Donna Butler, Shawn Flaningam, Scott Schmidt, Anke Voss, Cindy Brya, Janet Roadcap

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Introductions were made.

Motion to approve October booster minutes was made by Scott Schmidt and seconded by Anke Voss.

Business Items:

Trailer Storage: Shawn Flaningam

Trailer was moved last Thursday to new storage place with Brian Knox for \$75/month
Need to decide if we will keep trailer in storage over the summer or take it out for the summer months.
There will be less fading and damage from moisture if left in storage.
Decision was made to leave it in until April then decide about the summer months.
Need to seal the underside—Shawn will get estimates to have that done.
Lettering on the back will be done in the spring when temps are warmer

Trivia Night: Carrie Duncker and Janet Roadcap

Church is set.
Food will be donated (up to \$650) by Moe's Southwest Grill.
Sign Up Genius will be sent to the mailing lists in early January to get volunteers for the event.

Summer Camp Scholarships: Cindy Brya

We will send out application for scholarships in late January.
David Frye has offered to sponsor scholarships for the Aebersold summer Jazz camp again this year.

Marching Band Wrap-up: Letter from Kim Wurl (attached)

Treasurers Report: Donna Butler

Parking at the Illini Football games raised \$1,391 for student accounts and \$2,165 for the boosters account.
Fruit sale brought in \$16,000 total; \$7,800 of that went into student accounts
Forty Jazz students have not paid their \$50 fee for the year. Anke Voss said that she would work on getting the word out so people get that paid.
The Charms system is set up, but very few people are using it. Donna offered to do a Charms training class.

Choir Director Report: Stephen Larson

The choir students who went to Disney had a great experience
Madrigal Dinner was December 9-10.
Students decorated from 3:30-10:30 the night before the first performance.
Janet Frazetto brought decorations and table clothes and helped decorate.
Toni Laros was able to get \$250 in food donated for the dinner.
Sue Curtis made some new costumes and went through the old costumes to decide what could be used and what could be used to make new costumes.
Sue also offered to make 1-2 new costumes per year to help turn over old costumes
Also in December, the choirs performed at area grade schools and middle schools, the Villas at Hollybrook, and on Channel 3's Ci Living.
In the spring, choirs will be participating in the Young Baroque Artists Competition on February 15.
IHSA will be April 13-14.

Jazz Report: Anke Voss

125 people attended Jazz at Jupiters.

Purdue Festival will cost \$1,300 per bus (\$25/student).

For the Eastern Illinois Festival, we will take school busses.

Fees for jazz festivals cost \$3,125 this year.

We may need to let parents know in the spring as students try out for jazz what the jazz fee might be for the following year.

Band and Orchestra Directors Report: John and Jennifer Currey

Orchestra concert with Centennial went really well and hope to do a combined concert again.

Band concert went well.

Concert band will grow second semester as more marching band students start concert band.

Wind Symphony will play at Super State as the Honor Band on May 4.

Jazz Ensemble will do some transcribing over break and will do audition recordings for Ellington and Monterey on January 11.

Jennifer thanked all the parent volunteers who help keep the organization running.

Other Business:

Max Hubard was chosen with 17 other students from around the United States to play in the Grammy Band in New York City in January. They will record a CD, have several performances. He will go to the Grammy Awards and play at an after party with the Grammy Band.

Jennifer Currey added that the Disney trip went really well. She reported that they were no major issues and the kids were "golden." All were happy that the weather held and there was very little rain while they were there.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Janet Roadcap, Music Boosters Secretary

Marching Band 2017 Report

Congratulations to the Marching Maroons and our directors on an amazing marching season!

We started the year with a wonderful band camp. The weather was so great which allowed our students to fully concentrate. More was accomplished in this camp than any other year that I have been involved with marching band.

The band placed third in all of the competitions. This was especially impressive at the University of Illinois as the level of competition was the greatest of all of the competitions.

Congratulations go out to Eddy Almonord who represented Central in the All American Marching Band. She was the drum major in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. We are all so proud of Eddy and all that she has accomplished. She was celebrated by our Mayor (and band parent), Deb Frank Feinen with a proclamation and declaration of Eddy Almonord Day in Champaign.

The culmination of the season was the trip to Disney. Five bands were chosen to march at Epcot. Our students had the chance to work with Gary Smith, director emeritus of the Marching Illini and Barry Houser who is the current director of the Marching Illini. They also performed with the Presidio, a well-known and highly acclaimed brass ensemble.

As a chaperone, this was the easiest trip that I have ever been on – the students took care of their responsibilities with little supervision. Thank you to Janet Roadcap for donating the emergency bus supplies. Thank you to our intrepid chaperones. A huge thank you goes out to Mary Combs and Mrs. Currey for the planning of this trip!

Moving forward to next year, we will be in need of some parents to work with us on the marching band committee. Donna Butler will be a senior parent next year and I will be a junior parent next year. We are looking for parents who will be at Central for a few more years to learn all of the ins and outs of marching band.

Finally, I would like to thank Susan Flannigan, my far-flung co-chair and to Donna Butler, our uniform chair. It was an easy season with their leadership. We were gratified to have so many enthusiastic parents volunteer at games and competitions. We appreciated all of the snack and water donations. We thank you for your constant support of our students, directors and volunteers. The marching season simply cannot be done without you!

Best wishes to all for a wonderful winter break!

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Wurl