

Central High School Music Boosters Meeting

Monday January 13, 2020

In attendance: Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Mary Combs, Gretchen Pein, Kim Wurl, Michael Wozniak, Holly Spinner, Stacie Young, Nick Schulze, Marilee Johnson, Clara Chen, Melinda Branch, Kevin Snyder, Scott Schmidt.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed and approved.

Trivia Night (Marilee Johnson): tables from school need to be delivered to the church (FUMC on Prospect) on Friday night. Curreys will be at All State and unavailable but will arrange for access to the tables. Mr. Slotnick is confirmed as MC, Holly Spinner is doing snacks, Sarah Hartman took care of the December mailing to potential raffle donors. Marlene Mahon & Rhonda Gibson will decorate the tables on Saturday and Alicia Beck is managing the dinner -Dos Reales. Check on-hand supplies for gloves, plates, napkins etc as we should use those before moving this spring. We have 22 silent auction items donated so far and 6 tables sold. Mary Combs will create a Facebook event to encourage more ticket sales. One jazz combo is unavailable because of All State but the other two will play during dinner (6-7 pm) and will need to get their equipment from the school to the church.

Thrivent Grants (Marilee Johnson): Laurie Johnson was awarded two Thrivent community grants, each \$250. One will be used for snacks for Trivia Night, and the other will help with Jazz Fest. Specific use to be determined, perhaps it will help bring a guest artist to Jazz Fest.

Sylvan Fundraiser (Marilee Johnson): Sylvan Learning Center is offering a practice ACT or SAT test for \$10/student, and all proceeds go to CHS Music Boosters. Do we want to do this? Marilee will get details (how many students can the facility serve, etc)

Fannie May (Mrs Currey): February 4 is the kickoff and Holly Spinner will coordinate the order forms.

Bricks as a fundraiser: The band room portion of CHS is scheduled to be demolished this summer (but realistically it may be fall) and it was mentioned that current and former students might be interested in having a brick from the old building. Scott Schmidt noted that Dr. Howard had a similar brick fundraiser that was very successful. Mary Combs will contact Mr. Williams to see what we can do.

Treasurer's Report (Clara Chen): Clara will gather information on unpaid marching or jazz band fees and will forward to the Curreys for reminders. Current balance in checking is 44K and money market is 63K, including student account credits.

Marching Band report (Kim Wurl): Marilee Johnson will get the new music logo and ask Anju Murphy to tweak it for marching band, then arrange for marching band merchandise. Lizzie Johnson is the newest drum major.

Jazz Report (Melinda Branch): some folks missed the merchandise order deadline, so we may offer a limited selection for sale to see if we can make the minimum. Friday is the event at Neil Street Blues (5:30 pm start, with Beloit 2, Oak Park, Beloit 1, and Central Jazz Ensemble playing at 7:45), Saturday at Purdue. Swing Central plans are underway: discussion about the original purpose of the event

(corporate sponsorships paid for the event and ticket sales were profit, had headliner act and a very large space, multiple bands playing in different rooms, swing dance lessons on site) and the current lack of corporate sponsors. Melinda will see about renewing interest in sponsorships. Did we get a \$500 check from Champaign Country Club for assisting during the Wisconsin Marching Band visit?

Director's Report (Mr Currey): Jazz Ensemble will record for Essentially Ellington this weekend, Sun and Mon. Piano will be tuned & fitted for a custom cover. Upcoming jazz events:

Feb 8: EIU Jazz Fest, all jazz bands

Feb 20: Elmhurst College jazz fest, a late addition to the calendar, jazz ensemble

Feb 24: Bradley Jazz Fest, Lab Band

Feb 29: Rolling Meadows, all bands

Director's Report (Mrs Currey):

- May 11 as a date for year-end awards night, dessert, 7:30 pm? Trying to schedule when there are no other student activities but it's challenging.
- Students can sign up for Solo & Ensemble by January 24 via Google Classroom. The event will be March 7 in Broadlands, and parents should encourage their students to participate.
- A list was made of all the items that needed to be addressed at the church where music programs will be housed for the next two years. Mr. Williams advocated for all the requested items, including bathroom updates, sprinklers, alarms, heavier doors, projectors, a new copier, bass & cello racks, wifi. Repairs will begin right away. He also insists the city install a lighted, signed crosswalk at Church St, as students will be traveling that path every school day.
- Still working on the request to change Wind Symphony back to 1st hour.

Director's Report (Mr Schulze): choir concert coming up, and the choir will take a trip to Chicago in February to see Mean Girls

Trailer repair (Scott Schmidt): all of the axle brackets were bent, so the original estimate for simple axle greasing will be higher.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm