

Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting  
Monday, February 10, 2025

In attendance: Joanna Wozniak, Beth Allender, Cathy Hong, Doeun Kim, Gwendolyn Breg, Steve Simon, Ruben Wong, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Ann Marie Morrisette

**Approval of minutes:** Motion to approve January 2025 minutes made by Cathy Hong. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Simon. Ayes carry, minutes are approved.

**Merch Sale Request:** Student Ruben Wong presented a request to re-open the jazz merch store, as many students would like jazz apparel. Ruben reports over 44 students (jazz and non-jazz) would make an order; there is interest in the old/current design, as well as maybe creating a new design. Students would like t-shirts, hoodies, ¼ zips and full-zip hoodies. Cathy Hong will work with Ruben via email to get this project started.

**Marching Band Report:** (Jennifer Currey) Information about the new uniforms is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Education on 2/24, although this might get pushed back. This endeavor has support from the district financial office. If progress is delayed past the 2/24 meeting, new uniforms are unlikely to be ready by the beginning of the 2025 marching season, as they take six months to produce.

**Jazz Report:** (Cathy Hong) The jazz event the evening before the Purdue Jazz Festival was successful. There was a lot of leftover pizza, so Cathy took it to the Strides homeless shelter, they were really happy to have it. Since this was the first time holding this event in the commons, it was difficult to gauge how much food was required. In the future, perhaps just snacks and drinks for sale would be more suitable.

The jazz ensemble won the Purdue Jazz Festival and were able to play a song at the beginning of the Purdue Jazz Band concert; the theater was packed, it was super cool for the ensemble to play for that many people. The ensemble also played really well in Peoria for the ILMEA/IMEC conference; there was a lot of really great feedback from educators who attended the concert. The EIU jazz festival was also very successful; the bands swept the awards for their division.

Swing Central – 58 dinner tickets have been sold, there are 40ish left. 27 regular tickets have been sold, but those are often sold more successfully at the door. Steve Troyer has asked if anyone has a truck with a lift gate to move equipment. John Currey will investigate to see if the district has one we can use. Gwendolyn Breg will contact the Shunks with Two Men and a Truck to see if they have one as well.

(John Currey) A group of students will go over to the country club to help set up on the 21<sup>st</sup>. They will hopefully leave around 2 and be back by the end of the school day. David Frye has suggested the music program purchase some equipment (microphones, mic stands, subwoofer speakers, audio snake, etc.) so that we are not dependent on borrowing/renting from

KnoxArray. He will pay for it, but perhaps the boosters would also like to contribute. The cost of the equipment comes out to \$3627; a specific list is available in a 1/29/25 email that was sent to Beth Allender. Cathy Hong moves to spend \$2000 of booster funds to reimburse David Frye for a portion of this purchase. Gwendolyn Breg seconds the motion. Ayes carry, motion passes.

A guest artist has been secured for Jazz Fest. Ben Carasquillo, EIU trombone professor, will participate for a fee of \$500. Travel and lodging expenses are not required.

Airmen of Note concert is 4/28. They will provide marketing materials; they want the Central jazz program to help advertise. They will bring their own sound people. Tickets are free, but they must be requested ahead of time. Students will be asked to help out as ushers. The jazz ensemble will play at 7, the Airmen of Note will play at 7:30.

Central Jazz Fest has 14 bands booked in addition to the 3 from Central; there will be about 5.5 hours of music each night. Cathy Hong will not be able to attend Friday or Saturday, so she will have to train a point person for the event. She will order the pizza for the jazz café ahead of time.

John Currey has booked two gigs for the combos. 4/5 will be the James Scholar brunch; 4/11 is the CU Schools Foundation event. He will decide which combo goes to which event.

Swing Central 2026 has been set as 2/27/26. The country club is available for that date.

**Orchestra Report:** (John Currey) the 2/14 ISU festival has been cancelled. We were fortunate to be able to cancel the buses, other schools were not as lucky. We would like the \$500 festival fee returned, ISU is looking into it; so far, the check has not been cashed. 2/11 is the district concert, with chamber orchestras from both Central and Centennial rehearsing and performing with 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This has been moved from Central to Centennial due to a conflicting basketball game.

**Choir Report:** VP position is still open.

**Website Report:** (Jessie Bhalerao via Beth Allender) There are some formatting issues on the website. If you see something weird, please email Jessie and let her know. Nothing else to report.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Doeun Kim) See submitted treasurer report for specific transactions.

### **Booster Business:**

Requests: Requests from January meeting are still pending information about new marching band uniforms.

New Business: None to report.

## **Ongoing Conversations:**

Scarves: (Gwendolyn Breg) There was uncertainty if it would be possible to sell scarves at the 2/11 basketball game. Jennifer Currey re-emailed for permission, it was granted; Gwendolyn will set up a table around 5:30 to sell scarves. It was also suggested they would potentially sell well at the CU Marching Showcase in the fall.

Trivia Night – (Cathy Hong) The committee met on 2/10 just prior to the boosters meeting. As of the meeting, only 5 teams had signed up. It was proposed to move the event to the fall, when there is less going on. The committee has proposed 9/21 as a new date. Jennifer Currey secured the commons for that date as a possible location. The committee will meet 7/21/25 to resume planning the event.

**Band Director's Report:** (John Currey) Nothing more to add.

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**Choir Director's Report:** (Ann Marie Morrisette) 13 students will be attending the Illinois Sings festival on 2/15. They will not perform as an ensemble, but will participate in workshops and a massed choir performance

## **Next Meeting: Monday, March 24, 7:00 pm**

Motion to adjourn by Steve Simon; motion seconded by Beth Allender. Meeting adjourned.