

Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting
Monday, March 24, 2025

In attendance: Joanna Wozniak, Beth Allender, Cathy Hong, Doeun Kim, Gwendolyn Breg, Anna Simon, Beth Frasca, Chrissy Hayes, Steve Troyer, Jessie Bhalerao, Denise Fonner, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Ann Marie Morrisette

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve February 2025 minutes made by Gwendolyn Breg. 2nd by Chrissy Hayes. Ayes carry, minutes are approved.

Eagle Scout Project: Student Andrew Myers was present to give an update on his Eagle Scout project to build storage shelves in the uniform room, as well as make a request for more funding. The project has expanded to building shelves along the back wall as well, Andrew requests an additional \$1000 for supplies and storage bins. He hopes to have the project finished by the beginning of the summer, ideally by the end of April. Motion made by Beth Frasca to approve \$1000 to complete this project. Cathy Hong seconded the motion. Ayes carry, motion passes.

Marching Band Report: (Beth Frasca) The new uniform design has been approved by the directors. The uniform design is provided by De Moulin. New bibs have logo, phone pocket and snaps to make hemming simple and fast. The hat is fabric, will need to be protected against weather. Shoes and garment bags are also being sourced. The recently purchased sparkly black plumes will be reused. It is hoped that the 2025 show shirts will be finished before the end of the school year. Design can start as soon as the new show name is finalized.

(Jennifer Currey) The district CFO is cooperative and supportive and feels the district should purchase the new uniforms. CFO is drafting a proposal to replace Central marching band uniforms in the first budget year, and to replace the Centennial marching band uniforms in the 2nd budget year. Cost is about \$700/uniform. DeMoulin now requires a 7-month lead time for uniform orders, so this endeavor will not be completed by the 2025 marching band season.

Due to personal reasons, Abby Mitchell, guard instructor, will be resigning her position at the conclusion of band camp in August. She will choreograph, teach and clean the color guard until that time. She is helping find a replacement.

(John Currey) Contracts for the 2025 have been distributed, fees have started to come in. There are currently 181 students on the class list. There will be an instrument “try-out” night on 4/9 for students who don’t currently have marching instrument assignments to come and figure out what they want to play. JR Tripp has 2/3 of the show completed, hopes to have entire book (including percussion parts) done in next few weeks. Show will be called “For the Birds”. Drumline and color guard clinics and auditions have been scheduled.

Gwendolyn Breg would like assistance with uniform laundering.

Jazz Report: (Cathy Hong) Swing Central was a success. \$8730.84 profit after expenses; 195 general tickets and 100 dinner tickets were sold. Steve Troyer says that the new system of recruiting volunteers for setup and teardown was very successful and should be utilized again. We were also able to use a district truck to transport equipment.

Jazz Fest emails will come soon, asking for volunteers to help with setup and event duties. We will be able to set up 21 large round tables on Thursday and move some more in from the lunchroom on Friday. Cathy will help with setup, but will be unable to attend the event, and hopes to have someone step up to be a point of contact for the event. Cathy will preorder the pizza, needs someone to offer a contact phone number to ensure successful delivery. An emcee is still needed for the event. Cathy has created a flyer to go out to the elementary and middle schools, offering a coupon for a student entrance with a paid adult ticket. These flyers will go out electronically, rather than on paper. Cathy will send the flyer to school principals for distribution, the Curreys will send the flyer to the music teachers.

Jazz apparel is in progress. Due to time constraints, the existing artwork/logo will be used. Hopefully the online store can open soon.

Lynne Levesque, once and future band parent, will assist with jazz duties next year.

Orchestra Report: (Johnna Dunn via email to Beth Allender) the orchestra is gearing up for their field trip to the CSO rehearsal on 4/2.

(John Currey) Two Peoria charter buses have been secured for the field trip. 100 tickets are available. Permission slips have been distributed to all orchestra students; some wind symphony students will also be invited to go. 4 adult chaperones are needed.

Choir Report: VP position is still open.

Website Report: (Jessie Bhalerao) Nothing to report regarding the website. Jessie is working with Jennifer Currey to move the online calendar to new email address control/access, instead of Jennifer Currey's personal email address.

Treasurer's Report: (Doeun Kim) See submitted treasurer report for specific transactions. Marching band fees are starting to come in. Funds from the matured CD will be kept liquid in order to pay for new instruments. Jessie Bhalerao will add instructions for students to find their credit balances to the website.

Booster Business:

Music camp scholarships: Jessie Bhalerao has volunteered to head this project. Doeun Kim and Gwendolyn Breg will assist in scholarship selection. Applications will be available soon;

application deadline will be in May. Jessie Bhalerao moved to allot up to \$4000 to fund the scholarships. Motion seconded by Anna Simon. Ayes carry, motion passes.

Requests: John Currey asks for \$1566 to pay for the new vibraphone field frame. Motion made by Anna Simon to pay this expense; motion seconded by Beth Allender. Ayes carry, motion passes. The marching mellophones need to be replaced. There are currently 7 students signed up to play mellophone next year. We can purchase 6 silver Yamaha mellophones through the Smith-Wallbridge camp for a \$200 discount. (Retail: \$1779, SWC discount: \$1579, Gold lacquer instruments, no discount: \$1649). Would like to gradually switch all marching instruments over to silver, will purchase silver instruments as they need to be replaced. The band budget can be used to purchase two mellophones at \$1779 each. Beth Frasca moves to allot \$9500 to purchase six mellophones from SWC (\$9474 total). Motion seconded by Denise Fonner. Ayes carry, motion passes.

New Business: The wind symphony will learn the results of their Superstate audition on Friday. 372 tickets for the 4/28 Airmen of Note concert have been “sold” (tickets are free, but must be reserved.) The theater holds 750 people, the Airmen of Note prefer to oversell the seats by 40%, so we need to start advertising more.

Ongoing Conversations: No current ongoing conversations.

Band Director’s Report: (John Currey) Auditions for orchestra and wind symphony are due 3/26. There will be 3 bands again next year.

(Jennifer Currey) Solo and ensemble went well. 3 students were named Best of Day. Awards night will be Tuesday, May 6, 6:30 in the commons.

Choir Director’s Report: (Ann Marie Morrisette) Still waiting on class numbers for next year. Krannert festival was wonderful, attending students really liked it. Showed the whole concert in class, everyone is excited this will be an annual event.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 21, 7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn by Beth Frasca; motion seconded by Chrissy Hayes . Meeting adjourned.