

Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting
Tuesday, August 26, 2025

In attendance: Joanna Wozniak, Beth Allender, Cathy Hong, Doeun Kim, Gwendolyn Breg, Steve Troyer, Jessie Bhalerao, Johnna Dunne, Denise Fonner, Erin Ewoldt, Sujata Dey Koontz, Crissy Hayes, Tina Rolfe, Donna Tonini, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Ann Marie Morrisette. Justin Siegmund in attendance through marching band report and winter guard proposal.

Approval of minutes: Two spelling errors in April 2025 minutes were noted and will be corrected. Motion to approve April 2025 minutes (with corrections) made by Jessie Bhalerao. 2nd by Denise Fonner. Ayes carry, minutes are approved.

Marching Band Report: (Gwendolyn Breg) Most of the uniforms have been fitted, alterations have taken some time, but are almost finished. It would be appreciated if more parents were willing to join the uniform/marching band team. The color guard needs new uniform bags. We currently only have 7, there are 17 members of the color guard. We probably need 25-30, Justin says cotton is preferable for uniform preservation, same hanging style as the band's. DSI or Band Shop can do bulk orders of bags, they start around \$20/bag. Sujata offers to help with the research/purchase of new bags. Mrs. Currey would like to have logos added to the bag, but that is something that can be done after purchase. Motion to allot \$1000 for the purchase of new uniform bags for the color guard made by Joanna Wozniak. 2nd by Sujata Dey Koontz. Ayes carry, motion passes.

Winter Guard Proposal: (Justin Siegmund) The winter guard currently competes with the IDTA, which is geared more towards drill teams. Justin proposes the winter guard moves to the Midwest Color Guard Circuit (MCGC), which is Chicago-based. This will give the winter guard more relevant competition experience. The season extends later into April, Justin proposes attending 3 shows as well as the final championships. The cost of joining the MCGC is higher than IDTA. The 1st year of MCGC is \$650, with subsequent years costing \$800 per organization. There is no additional cost to attend individual shows. (IDTA membership was ~\$150-200, with an additional fee of \$50 for each show.) Shows would be in Minooka, IL, Naperville Central, Naperville North, with finals in Tinley Park, IL. At least 5 guard members are needed to field a team. The application opens in September, with the fees due in October. Justin proposes rehearsals 3x/week for 3 hours, with a weekend rehearsal as well. Justin will send more details to Beth Allender, further discussion is tabled until the September meeting.

Merchandise: (Johnna Dunne) The store was successful, with \$333 in profit. The orders are being made; pickup will hopefully be within the week. Campus Ink has been great to work with.

New Uniforms: (Jennifer Currey) The opening of bids was delayed due to concerns from one of the companies about having sufficient time to submit an appropriate bid. Bids for new uniforms will open on 9/12; this should not delay the order/delivery of uniforms for the next season.

(John Currey) Band camp was great, in spite of bad weather. The kids are doing great. The entire show should be on the field by Wednesday or Thursday.

Jazz Report: (Cathy Hong) The jazz band rosters for this year are being sent out. Jazz band photos are Wednesday, 10/8. Jazz at Jupiter's is tentatively scheduled for Monday 10/27. Cathy still needs to reach out to Jupiter's and see if this date will work for them, we also need a lot of parent support to make the event a success. The commons at Central can also work for that date, although the ambiance and food options at Jupiter's are preferred. Jennifer Currey has reserved the commons for that date as a backup. Swing Central is slated for 2/27.

Website: (Jessie Bhalerao) The new registrar is the person who runs the website, it is no longer David Frye.

Treasurer's Report: (Doeun Kim) See submitted treasurer report for specific transactions. The new fiscal year started 7/1. We have collected marching band fees, and the James Scholar payment has been received. Doeun states she will probably do our annual financial reports herself this year, rather than pay someone to do it; this report is due 5 months after the close of the fiscal year. Doeun is working out a plan to pay Justin Siegmund biweekly for the fall color guard season. The money market account has been closed.

(John Currey) The fees for marching band (\$100) and jazz band (\$50) haven't been raised in many years, maybe it's time to discuss raising those fees.

Booster Business:

Officer openings: (Beth Allender) We are in need of a fundraising chair!! Also, board representatives for concert band, choir and orchestra are needed. It's not a large amount of work, it would be nice to have volunteers to step up and serve as liaisons for those groups.

Tech Committee: There have not been any volunteers to lead this committee, which would be responsible for the setting up and running of the lighting and sound equipment, particularly for jazz. Mr. Currey will send out another email asking for volunteers.

CU Marching Showcase: The Marching Showcase is Monday, 10/6, with no rain date. It will be held at Centennial this year. We will advertise to the middle schools.

Volunteer Clearance: 35-40 people have already completed the necessary clearance to volunteer with Unit 4. Someone will need to crosscheck lists of cleared people with the people who have signed up to volunteer.

Parking Lot Fundraiser: Almost all of the slots are full. Beth and Doeun will get the signs to the appropriate people.

Trivia Night: This was originally pushed to fall but is now tabled in light of possibly doing the calendar fundraiser instead.

Calendar Fundraiser: The proposed fundraiser is fairly simple – each student is given a calendar page for a month and then solicits donations for each day of the month (e.g., \$5 for the 5th, \$17 for the 17th, etc.) There should be incentives for students who fill the entire month, including prize drawings and credit to student accounts.

Cedar Point Trip: The trip will be June 3-4, 2026, which is after any possible snow date extensions in the school year. Beth and Cathy will meet to make plans. This trip is open to all music students.

Requests: No requests

New Business: No new business

Band Director's Report: (John Currey) Central won the blood drive, we will get \$272 in the form of credit at the Music Shoppe. 25-26 people participated, would be nice to have more.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 17, 6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn by Johnna Dunne; motion seconded by Crissy Hayes. Meeting adjourned.