

Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting  
Wednesday, September 17, 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, Anna Simon, Huibing Yin, Jody Cook, Justin Siegmund, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Ann Marie Morrisette

**Approval of minutes:** Motion to approve August 2025 minutes made by Jessie Bhalerao. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erin Ewoldt. Ayes carry, minutes are approved.

**Marching Band Report:** (Gwendolyn Breg) Uniforms are still being adjusted. Have had some great volunteers this year, more are needed for the IVC competition. Raptor list of approved volunteers is still being cross-checked. The processing time has slowed since the start of the school year, so new volunteers should try to start the process as soon as possible. Beth states there is only one volunteer approval still outstanding. More volunteers are needed for Senior Night. Students will ride the bus both ways for the CU showcase, 2 volunteers per bus is preferred.

Jody Cook asks if there is some kind of first aid kit and action plan for the color guard, especially during evening rehearsals when no teacher is present. Students appear to be getting injured at an alarming rate this season. Directors will confer and make a plan.

**Color guard uniform bags:** Two possible options for bags. 1) 24"x42" black cotton, \$20/each. There is no place to put a student's name, this could be solved with a luggage tag. No shoe pocket, but guard members tend to keep shoes separate in glove/makeup bag. 2) 40" black poly bag. 10pk/\$37.99, 20pk/\$74.99. \$1000 was previously approved (September 2025 meeting) for these bags. Beth decides we should go with option #1, we will order 25 bags. Justin will send the link, Doeun will order them. Mrs. Currey hopes to have the Central logo added to the bags at some point, this can be a parent project.

**New uniforms:** (Mrs. Currey) Can't officially share update, but things are moving in the right direction. Waiting for final school board approval. \$300k has been preliminarily approved for Central and Centennial – Central gets new uniforms this year, Centennial will get them next year. There was one acceptable bid; barring any unforeseen problems, final approval could come on Monday.

**Winter Guard:** (Justin Siegmund) Proposal continued from last month. Justin surveyed the current guard, 14 of 17 students are interested in winter guard. Justin has secured a donated tarp, he will reuse silks from the Central collection, the guard will reuse the current uniforms. The only additional costs will be the MCGC fees and Justin's wages. Lainey has also been helping as a volunteer. Beth feels his fees are expensive and the season is long, asks if Justin is willing to shorten the season. Justin states he'd rather be paid at a lower rate (or accept a stipend) than

shorten the season. He also would be willing to do 2 days/week and one weekend for around 6-9 hours/week of rehearsal. The deadline to sign up for MCGC is in early November. Dates were checked, and this does not conflict with the musical. Competitions are 1/25/26, 2/1/26 and 3/28/26. Beth will talk further with Justin about compensation, further discussion with the board will take place via email. Tina Rolfe moves to allot \$750 (\$100 will be reimbursed) to pay registration fees for MCGC. Motion is seconded by Sujata Dey-Koontz. Ayes carry, motion passes, Justin is directed to apply to MCGC for the 2026 season.

**Volunteer Appreciation:** (Johnna Dunne) Johnna would like to present a small token of appreciation to this season's volunteers. She is keeping the token under wraps, but they will cost about \$20 for 12, she will need 50. They will be presented at the Replay Concert – volunteers will be called by name to stand and can collect their token after the concert. This expenditure does not require approval, support is given.

**Jazz Report:** (Cathy Hong) Jupiter's is the preferred location for the fall Jazz performance (10/27), Cathy will try to book the location, we will retain the reservation of the commons until Jupiter's is confirmed. Cathy will document the setup information so it is preserved and can be passed along to the next jazz coordinator. Jazz photos are 10/8.

**Website:** (Jessie Bhalerao) Beth requests that everyone goes through all the menus on the website and note which, if any, need to be updated. Cathy will provide the QR codes for different events. More recent photos are requested. Liz Brunson and Mandy Sutton are taking some great photos at games, we can maybe use some of those.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Doeun Kim) See submitted treasurer report for specific transactions. Collecting ILMEA fees - \$10 to apply, \$30 to participate once accepted. Steve Troyer requests a new air pump for the folding platform. Booster approval is not required, Steve will send a link to Doeun, who will order.

### **Booster Business:**

**Fruit Sale:** (Jody Cook) Still waiting on cost list from PJ's, which will determine if we raise our prices or not. This should be available soon. The plan is for envelopes to go home before Fall Break if everything can get printed in time. Orders will be due to PJ's by 11/17; we will need to cut sales between 11/5-11/12 in order to get all the orders in. Delivery will be Sunday, 12/7. Sorting and delivery will both take place on the same day in the Central band room, like last year, negating the need for a cold warehouse.

**Officer openings:** (Beth Allender) Becca Guyette (freshman parent) has volunteered to be the orchestra representative. There is a lead on a possible choir representative. We are still in need of a fundraising chair (separate from fruit sale) and a concert band representative!

**Mattress Fundraiser:** (Beth Allender) Fundraising event open to the community, people come buy mattresses, we get a percentage. Beth spoke with a local rep; the first step would be a

parent meeting. The company does everything – setup, personnel, sales, etc. We can advertise on social media. Having this sale coincide with Jazz Fest in April is a brilliant idea.

**Tech Committee:** Mr. Currey still needs to send out an email asking for volunteers.

**CU Marching Showcase:** The Marching Showcase is Monday, 10/6, food trucks @ 6, music @7. Marching Illini are likely not attending.

**Trivia Night:** This event has been tabled for the present.

**Calendar Fundraiser:** Envelopes went out this week, ends on 9/26. The goal is a full calendar, which would bring in \$496/student.

**Senior Night:** 9/26. 34 seniors. Joanna Wozniak will order flowers; Jody Cook will pick them up on the Friday and help distribute before the game.

**Cedar Point Trip:** (Cathy Hong) The quotes from CP are slightly higher this year, but not by much. Security guard costs will rise by \$150. Cost will be in the \$250-\$350 range, but we won't know for sure until we know how many students are going.

**Requests:** No requests

**New Business:** No new business

**Band Director's Report:** (John Currey) Director from ISU retired, the new director asked Central to participate in their orchestra festival. The students want to do it, but it is the same date as Swing Central (2/27), so that will likely not be feasible. 100 tickets for the CSO open rehearsal have been reserved for 4/29/26. Mr. Currey is writing a Gift of Music grant to have Rodney Whitaker (jazz bass professor at MSU) come for a clinic, hopefully this fall. The grant would include all 5 Champaign schools, everyone would share the costs. Students are working well, will let out early for heat the rest of this week.

(Ann Marie Morrisette) Received t-shirts from FBLA, working on finding a choir parent representative.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 22, 6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn by Denise Fonner; motion seconded by Anna Simon. Meeting adjourned.