

Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting
Wednesday, October 22, 2025

In attendance: Joanna Wozniak, Beth Allender, Cathy Hong, Doeun Kim, Gwendolyn Breg, Jessie Bhalerao, Johnna Dunne, Denise Fonner, Sujata Dey-Koontz, Tina Rolfe, Donna Tonini, Mieka Blackwell, Matthew Bannon, Justin Siegmund, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Ann Marie Morissette

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve September 2025 minutes made by Denise Fonner. 2nd by Johnna Dunne. Ayes carry, minutes are approved.

Marching Band Report: (Gwendolyn Breg) Looking into a “micro-stitcher” that will put tiny plastic stitch into fabric, will be useful for quick alterations to uniforms next year. They run about \$30, not sure how much the plastic stitches cost. Most people think this cost is negligible. There are 5 bus volunteers for IMBC, this is deemed sufficient for the short ride to Memorial Stadium. There will be enough people to help move the pit. Uniform collection will occur after the middle school tour on 11/21; need parent volunteers to help check off uniforms as they are returned.

Color guard uniform bags: Bags have arrived, they are being tagged and distributed.

New uniforms: (Mrs. Currey) The district approved the purchase of new band uniforms; they will fully fund up to \$130,000. DeMoulin placed the winning bid. The original estimate did not include drum major uniforms, so those will also need to be purchased. If that brings the total to over \$130,000, the boosters will discuss how to pay for the extra uniforms. Small design tweaks are being made. There will be custom buttons with the CHS logo. 200 uniforms will be ordered, there is a 7-month lead time for delivery. The DeMoulin rep will come to Central soon to scan and fit every current member of the marching band, including seniors.

Winter Guard: (Justin Siegmund) Will begin week of 11/3 with informational meetings about skill sets that will be used and casual auditions will be held. Justin has been working on a google form for signups. There will hopefully be a parent meeting soon and then the google form will go out. The guard has been registered for all previously discussed competitions.

(Beth Allender) Justin was excused from this portion of the meeting as his compensation was discussed. Compensation for the fall was \$20/hr up to \$5000 total. Fall hours totaled \$4500. The proposal is to offer a stipend of \$4000 instead to cover the entire winter guard season. There should also be a contract that outlines specific expectations (Competitions, hours, payment schedule, etc.) Beth and Doeun will work on the contract. Motion made by Jessie Bhalerao to pay Justin a stipend of \$4000, pending a suitable contract. Motion seconded by Tina Rolfe. Ayes carry, motion passes.

Middle School Tour: (Jennifer Currey) The middle school tour is on 11/21; there is participation confirmation from all 3 middle schools. Jefferson has requested a later time; the directors would like to also work in a visit to IPA and potentially include Garden Hills. Jennifer Currey will reach out to the schools to gauge interest and availability. This would extend the day, however, and the students would arrive back at Central around 1:15, after the lunchroom has closed. The students need to be fed; uniform collection would take place after lunch. Johnna Dunne moves to allot up to \$750 of booster funds to provide a lunch to the students on 11/21. Motion is seconded by Denise Fonner. Ayes carry, motion passes.

Replay Concert: The replay concert is Wednesday 11/12 at 7:00. Cathy Hong will provide cookies, Joanna Wozniak will provide water, napkins, tablecloths and photos for the 34 seniors. Beth Allender will send out a signup genius to ask for volunteers to help with refreshments.

Jazz Report: (Cathy Hong) First gig is on Monday, 10/27 at Jupiter's. There are sufficient volunteers for the registration table and the sound board, more are needed to help load/unload the trailer. John Currey says students can help load the trailer at the school. A final reminder to preorder discounted meal tickets will be sent out. The bus for the Purdue jazz fest has been reserved. School buses will be used for the EIU jazz festival.

Website: (Jessie Bhalerao) Thank you for all the new photos! More photos are needed for the indoor ensembles (choir, jazz, concert band, orchestra, etc.) Fruit sale info is on the front page. Need info to update the winter guard page.

Treasurer's Report: (Doeun Kim) See submitted treasurer report for specific transactions. The calendar fundraiser brought in over \$17.000 (\$13, 620.10 to boosters, \$3405.03 to student credit). Still collecting fees for marching band, jazz and ILMEA.

Orchestra Report: Becca Guyette, the new orchestra rep, was unable to attend. There is nothing to report. The chamber orchestra will perform for academic letter night on 11/5.

Booster Business:

Fruit Sale: ((Beth Allender) Packets have been distributed; sales are in progress. Students should get creative in their sales pitches. All forms are due Monday 11/10.

Officer openings: (Beth Allender) Mieka Blackwell is the new choir representative. Still need to fill the fundraising position.

**Post-Meeting update – Matthew Bannon will serve as the band representative.

Thank you to Mieka and Matthew for stepping up!!

Mattress Fundraiser: (Beth Allender) Beth reached out recently to the mattress people to ask about holding this fundraiser during Jazz Fest, they have yet to respond.

CU Marching Showcase: The Marching Showcase brought in \$842.59 for each school, after costs. This event is wonderful, everyone loves it.

Calendar Fundraiser: The calendar fundraiser brought in over \$17.000 (\$13, 620.10 to boosters, \$3405.03 to student credit). There is interest in holding this fundraiser closer to the beginning of the 2026-2027 year to put some space between it and the fruit sale.

Cedar Point Trip: (Cathy Hong) Signup is open. Deadline is 12/5.

Football Parking: The OSU game was very profitable, more than \$1400 was brought in. After discussion, it is decided to raise the regular price from \$20 to \$30 going forward. Joanna Wozniak will alter the signs.

Requests: No requests

New Business: (Beth Allender) It has come to light that GoFundMe has created random non-profit funding accounts for a variety of non-profit organizations. There has been an account created for the “Champaign Central Band Boosters” (no longer our official name). There does not appear to be any activity on this page, but after discussion, the boosters prefer this to not exist. Jessie Bhalerao will try to have it removed.

Band Director's Report: (John Currey) 45 students were selected for ILMEA music groups. Dansr, producer and distributor of reeds and mouthpieces, came to Central to do a photoshoot for an ad campaign. They will donate \$1000 to the school, and students who were photographed will be individually compensated with appropriate goods.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 19, 6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn by Johnna Dunne; motion seconded by Gwendolyn Breg. Meeting adjourned.