

Champaign Central High School Music Boosters Meeting
Wednesday, November 19, 2025

In attendance: Joanna Wozniak, Beth Allender, Cathy Hong, Doeun Kim, Gwendolyn Breg, Jessie Bhalerao, Denise Fonner, Jody Cook, Donna Tonini, Mieke Blackwell, Matthew Bannon, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Ann Marie Morrissette

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve October 2025 minutes made by Gwendolyn Breg. 2nd by Jessie Bhalerao. Ayes carry, minutes are approved.

Marching Band Report: (Gwendolyn Breg) See submitted written report for full details. Many thanks to Johnna Dunne for all of her assistance this year. The cookies for the volunteers were awesome. Parent help will be needed with the new uniforms starting in the summer and carrying over into fall. Gwendolyn would love to start mentoring a new (freshman) parent to eventually take over this role, please help nominate suitable parents! The middle school tour is this Friday 11/21, call time is 7:45 at Franklin. Students will come back to Central, have lunch and then work on turning in their uniforms. The forecasted rain is a concern, as wet uniforms don't store well. Another question is whether or not the old uniforms need to be washed, and what is to become of them. As of this time, those questions were not answered.

Color guard uniform bags: Bags were of low quality and subsequently returned. After discussion, it was decided that 30 garment bags would be purchased from DeMoulin in the same design as the marching band (\$15/bag). This purchase was previously approved by the board, no further action is needed. Gwendolyn Breg will send a link for the bags to Doeun Kim, who will make the purchase.

Jazz Report: (Cathy Hong) Jazz at Jupiter's was a success. There was a good turnout, and about 200 meal tickets were sold, meaning the boosters actually realized a profit of about \$1000. The food was less stressful this year, likely owing to a better schedule of replenishment. The pre-Purdue Jazz Festival gig on 1/23/26 will be held in the commons. There will be no substantial food sold, people will be invited to bring their own food if they wish. Snacks and drinks will likely be sold. The Purdue Jazz Festival will be 1/24/26. There are currently about 61 people going, the reserved Peoria charter bus only holds 55. Possible solutions: see if any students would rather provide their own transportation, reserve an activity bus from Central, see if Peoria charter has an additional smaller bus we could also reserve. All of these potential solutions will be explored. The bus fee is \$20, this will be waived if a student doesn't actually ride the bus.

Website: (Jessie Bhalerao) The previous issue with an unauthorized GoFundMe account has been resolved. Winter guard information still needs to be updated, waiting on input from Justin Siegmund.

Treasurer's Report: (Doeun Kim) See submitted treasurer report for specific transactions. Currently collecting deposits for the Cedar Point trip. Other band and ILMEA fees are being collected. Justin Siegmund will be paid a \$4000 stipend for the winter guard season; this will be paid out bimonthly. Overall, the balance looks good.

Orchestra Report: (Becca Guyette, via email) Nothing new to report.

Concert Band Report: (Matthew Bannon) Nothing new to report.

Choir Report: (Mieke Blackwell) 2 students attended the district ILMEA event.

(Ann Marie Morrissette) The choir hopes to attend the Illinois Sings conference at Krannert on 2/13/26. Pre-authorization has been approved by the district.

Booster Business:

Fruit Sale: (Jody Cook) The order has been placed with PJ's. Overall, revenue is a little bit higher than last year. NUMBERS ARE APPROXIMATE! We brought in \$21,374; about \$5000 will be paid to purchase the fruit; student credit will be about \$5600; boosters will net roughly \$10,000. The concern that the calendar fundraiser in the fall would negatively affect fruit sales did not come to pass. There were a lot of donations to food banks this year. Student credit for sales is \$5/small box, \$7/large box, 50% of straight donations. Still need to work out credit for students who assist in fruit sorting and extra, unassigned deliveries. This year saw the return of lollipop pulls for gift card incentives, this seemed to be motivating. Fruit is set to be delivered 12/7. Students will need to help sort fruit into smaller boxes in the morning, families can come in the afternoon to pick up their orders and deliver them. PJ's raised their prices for the 5# and 10# boxes (they are delivered in 40# boxes) from \$2 to \$2.50. It was determined that this price increase was worth not having to source other boxes.

Mattress Fundraiser: (Beth Allender) Beth heard back from the Custom Fundraising Solutions representative. We have been tentatively scheduled for 4/18/26, which is during Jazz Fest. The commons would likely be the best location. However, we are still waiting for the representative to give a detailed list of next steps and a timeline before we fully commit. It is suggested we combine the parent meeting for this fundraiser with the Cedar Point meeting; we get a small amount of money for every adult who attends the information meeting, this is a good way to guarantee a decent turnout.

Cedar Point Trip: (Cathy Hong) Deadline is 12/5. Only 28 students have submitted registrations so far, but more are anticipated as the deadline approaches. Final cost of the trip will be determined by how many buses are reserved.

Requests: Ann Marie Morrissette requests financial assistance for students who receive free/reduced lunch/school fees to attend the Illinois Sings conference. This will be granted closer to the event.

New Business: No new business

Band Director's Report: Nothing to report

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 14, 6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn by Jody Cook; motion seconded by Denise Fonner. Meeting adjourned.