

Central Music Booster Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2017

7:30pm Central Band Room

In Attendance:

Beth McDonald, Karen Devine, Anke Voss, Drew Phillips, G. David Frye, Alicia Beck, Donna Butler, Cindy Brya, Wil Pritchard, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Stephen Larson, Janet Roadcap

Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

All in attendance introduced themselves.

Minutes from December meeting were approved by Beth McDonald and seconded by Anke Voss.

Introduction of Wil Pritchard, student teacher for Spring Semester was made by Mr. Currey.

Treasurer Report: Donna Butler

After talking to First Financial, they changed our account to include 450 transactions per month and gave us \$211 credit for our previous bill.

Five 1099 were sent out for the 2016 tax year. These are for people that we paid \$600 or more during the year.

These include our drum line instructor, color guard instructor, Chip Stevens & Shab

Student Statements have been sent out for more than half of the students. Still need email addresses for some families.

Current account is \$13,076 in the money market, \$82,443 in checking account, Donna has \$1,800 to be deposited.

All Madrigal expenses have been paid off, and there was a \$377 profit for the two performances.

Some of the expenses from the jazz trip to Midwest have been paid off.

We received a \$980 anonymous donation to be used for the Disney Trip next fall.

\$3,600 was written off at the end of the year. This was money owed to the program by students who have graduated that we do not expect to recover.

Business Items:

Trivia Night: Janet Roadcap

We are in good shape for the event on February 4.

Still need items for Silent Auction and help picking up and displaying silent auction items.

Music is being figured out by Drew Phillips. We may have a choral group perform at the intermissions in addition to the jazz combos during dinner.

Will be sending out the volunteer sign up about two weeks ahead.

Discount Cards: Cindy Brya

1000 discount cards will be delivered soon.

Cindy worked with the company to get a group of businesses that our families use often, so it will be something people will want and use.

Cards will be sold for \$20 each and be sold between March 29th and April 26th.

Athletic department asked that we keep it to one month because some teams may sell them too.

There was discussion about what part of the \$20 each student should get from the sale of the cards. Will be between \$12-15. The music program gets the rest of the proceeds.

We will offer marching students and current 8th graders the option to sell cards to help pay for their Disney Trip.

Scholarships: G. David Frye and Cindy Brya

David and LB Frye have offered 5-\$200 scholarships for Central students to attend the Jamey Aebersold Jazz Improve and Theory Camp this summer and would like for the music boosters to match the donation. This will most likely be Jamey's last year doing the camp after running it for 52 years.

David asked that the scholarship application dates be moved up to an earlier date and decisions made earlier as some of these camps are really expensive, and some instrument sections are full before we get our scholarships distributed.

David talked to Aebersold and they said that if we send 5 students, they would discount tuition by \$50 (or \$100 per bass players and drummers). Boosters would go through applications and rank for Aebersold scholarships; David will have some input in the process.

Cindy Brya said the scholarship process may need to be reevaluated.

Currently we have three parts to the application, essay, instructor input, and participation in fundraising. Three outside teachers then look at the essays and info and rank the applications.

In the last two years we have given out 7 scholarships of between \$150 and \$200.

In past years we have given out \$5000 to \$6000 in scholarship money.

David Frye suggested that we need to invest in the music education of the students to keep the quality we have in the program.

John Currey said that our program had much less money in bank accounts when they were offering \$5,000 to \$6,000 in scholarships.

Donna Butler added that we need to have some money to cover marching band fees that never get paid each year. She estimated that between 20% and 30% of marching students never pay the \$100 fee.

Beth McDonald moved to increase the total amount that the boosters give out in scholarships to \$5,000. Janet Roadcap seconded the motion.

Scholarship money will go to students in band, choir, orchestra, marching band. No scholarships will be given to theater students because they have a separate booster organization and theater students do not do fundraising for the music department that goes to pay for these scholarships.

There is a separate scholarship fund for Drum Majors because they are required to go to camp, so the program pays their way.

We will revise the scholarship application and get it out in early February.

Jennifer Currey asked that the application be due about 10 days after it is announced.

Cindy Brya asked that students who receive scholarships be recognized at the band awards night in May.

Choir Report: Stephen Larson

Field Trip to Medieval Times in Schaumburg will be March 15. Cost will be \$66 per student.

Students will clinic with Dr. Robert Sinclair at Vandercook College of Music.

Jazz Report:

Swing Central: Karen Devine

February 24th is Swing Central at the Champaign Country Club. The menu and price will be the same as last year. The cake will be donated this year.

Tickets will be \$30 for dinner and dancing, \$20 for student dinner and dance, \$10 for student dance ticket, \$15 for adult dance ticket.

David Frye, Mike Anderson, and Knox Array will be setting up sound and lights for the evening.

Last year we had 350 people come to Swing Central but we didn't make much money.

May consider increasing ticket price. We need to get sponsors for the event.

There will be a Signup Genius sent out for all of the February events to recruit volunteers.

We need to get the word out to middle school parents that only parent volunteers can come without paying, and that middle school students need to leave when they are done playing unless a parent is staying with them and they have paid for a ticket.

We need to let the U of I Swing Group know the date.

Savannah Trip: Anke Voss

Hotel in Savannah and has reserved 15 rooms for \$222 per night (\$55 per student/night).

21 students are going for sure; there may be 15 more who will go to help bring the cost down for the trip.

Currently the cost for the coach bus is \$8,000 for the trip.

Students need to start fundraising. May do donation letters to family and friends in February.

Mr. Currey will send note to parents to start getting a list of people to send the letters to.

Directors Report:

Jennifer Currey

Working on the November 2017 Disney Trip

The trip is totally optional for students and won't affect their grade

Estimating the cost to be \$1,350 or less for students and chaperones.

Need to form a subcommittee to evaluate scholarships and help planning of trip

Will have a payment plan with first installment due mid- March and two more installments due before summer break.

Working on accepting credit card payments

Working on getting more meals included and less stuff (like string bags) included

John Currey

Millikin Jazz festival is coming up January 24.

Orchestra students will be going to CSO on March 1. Band students who play with Orchestra may opt to go too.

Motion to adjourn was made by Beth McDonald, seconded by Janet Roadcap.