

Champaign Central Music Boosters  
General Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2014, Central Band Room

Present: Samantha Resser, Blase Cermak, Cindy Byra, Mary Schoen Petersen, Tracy Nugent, Steve Mertens, Julie Healy, G. David Frye, Stephen Larson, Linda Wessels, John Currey, Suzanne Lee

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m., vice president Suzanne Lee presiding.

Everyone introduced themselves, including student teachers Samantha Resser (Mr. Larson) and Blase Cermak (Mr. and Mrs. Currey).

David Frye made a **motion** to change the name of the organization from Champaign Central Band Boosters, Inc., to Champaign Central Music Boosters, Inc. The motion was seconded by Steve Mertens and passed unanimously.

The minutes were approved with two corrections: under Fundraising, football parking earnings should read "\$500-800/game" and under Choir Report, correct spelling of the member making the motion is David Frye.

A CD is being made with 5 pieces to be recorded at this weekend's ILMEA conference plus assorted band and orchestra pieces recorded throughout this year. The CD will be available later in the spring for \$10.

Treasurer's Report [Tracy Nugent]

Current balances:

Checking: \$48,419

Savings: \$3068

Paypal: less than \$1000 (in-and-out account)

Tracy expressed appreciation for the work of the fruit sale team, Kari Imlay, Roxann Bossenbroek, and Janet Roadcap. Sales were \$24,450, of which \$17,431 was profit (\$7836 student credit, \$9595 to Boosters). This is slightly less than last year, due to the lower profit margin on Curtis Orchard fruit. However, this year more students participated in the sale.

Football parking proceeds (not including 6th date) were \$3113 (\$1182.50 student credit, \$1930.50 Boosters). Kudos to Beth Etchison for coordinating.

The kickoff picnic yielded \$1030 in contributions.

Contributions for band t-shirts totaled \$816.85; expenses were \$1215.50.

Jazz band earned \$1558 for six gigs.

General contributions totaling \$1630 were received.

Tracy aims to have student statements sent by the end of this month.

Fundraising

Fannie May candy sales kick off on January 22; candy will be delivered before Valentine's Day. Profit margin on sales is very good.

The 5th annual Trivia Night is January 25. Event chair Steve Mertens reported that approximately 30 teams have already registered (more than typical). Because of a scheduling conflict with ILMEA, students will not perform live this year. Instead, recordings will play during dinner. Silent auction items are still welcome. A few more adult volunteer are needed to help supervise student volunteers, take photos, and help with the silent auction. Help is also needed around 1:00 or 1:30 the day of the event to set up. In the past, this event has raised \$6000-8000.

### Jazz [David Frye and Mr. Currey]

Purdue Jazz Festival was very successful. Central received many group and solo awards, including scholarships to Blue Lake Jazz Camp for Julian Brennan-Pomatto and to Western Illinois Jazz Camp for Callie Miller.

The school district is paying for the bus to St. Louis for the Essentially Ellington festival on January 30. Mr. Currey is waiting for confirmation of transportation cost share with the district for the Eau Claire Jazz Festival April 4-5. When the district does not pay for transportation (as for the Purdue trip) and students are asked to cover the bus cost, the goal is to be revenue neutral.

Swing Central will be held February 28 at the Champaign Country Club. The event will be essentially the same as last year. Tickets cost \$35 for adults, \$25 for students (\$30/\$20 early bird rate). In the past, communication with other bands has been an issue. Need to decide and communicate clearly whether visiting bands get paid, can eat, etc.

The 45th Annual Jazz Fest is May 2-3 (new date). This is an alumni year. Alumni will be invited to perform, and a former director has been invited in lieu of a guest clinician. A block of hotel rooms has been reserved.

In the past, Swing Central and Jazz Fest have made about \$2000-2500 profit each.

Members are encouraged to visit the Iron Post on January 28. A Central combo will play at 7:00 followed by Chicago jazz guitarist Larry Brown's combo at 7:30. Brown will conduct a clinic (gratis) at Central the next day.

### Choir Report [Mr. Larson]

With David Frye's advice, Mr. Larson purchased a Beringer powered mixer in advance of the Madrigal Dinner.

An anonymous donation funded the purchase of a wireless microphone.

In December, in addition to staging a successful Madrigal Dinner, the Madrigal Choir performed for the Board of Education.

On January 26, a weekend field trip is offered to hear the Millikin University Choir in Decatur.

On February 6 both choirs will sing for the Black History Month assembly.

An Urbana elementary school has invited the Madrigals to sing in March.

### Mr. Currey's Reports

Orchestra: On March 5, orchestra students will attend a free open rehearsal of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Thank you for Shari Hall for helping with this event.

Wind Symphony: On January 23, the wind symphony will perform at ILMEA. Logistics have been a challenge this year because the hotel is not downtown near the venue.

Concert band: Enrollment is up by about 20 students over last semester.

Recording: Jazz band and stage band had a successful recording session today at the Harding Band Building at the University of Illinois. Thank you to U of I for allowing us to use the space.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting: Feb. 17 at 7:30 in the band room

### Calendar

Jan. 22-25 ILMEA Illinois Music Education Conference ("All-State"), Peoria

Jan. 25: Trivia Night

Jan. 26: Millikin University Choir concert field trip

Jan. 30: Essentially Ellington (St. Louis)

Feb. 25: Band & Orchestra Concert

Feb. 27: Choir Concert

Feb. 28: Swing Central

March 5: Chicago Symphony Orchestra open rehearsal field trip

March 8: Solo & Ensemble contest

April 4-5: Eau Claire (WI) Jazz Festival

May 2-3: Annual CHS Jazz Festival (**new date**)

Full schedule at [maroons.org](http://maroons.org)