

Champaign Central Music Boosters Meeting
Monday, February 1, 2010

Present: Greg Anderson, Mike Anderson, Tim Born, Rebecca Brooks, Mary Rose Cottingham, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Chuck Dunnum, Mr. Eikenberry, Beth Etchison, Tina Farthing, Larry Frederickson, David Frye, Scott Goslin, Colleen Hammel, Patty Hart, Susan Harum, Aslam Hassan, Barbara Jones, Brent Kincheloe, Rita Kincheloe, Lucinda Lawrence, Suzanne Lee, Steve Mertens, Mr. Mohr, Mary Shoen Petersen, Connie Sailor, Paul Sailor, Patti Vanderwerf, Lynn Weckhorst, Melinda Wilcox, Kim Wurl

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M.

Approval Of Minutes. The minutes from the January 4, 2010 meeting were approved.

Correspondence/Communications. Steve Mertens will have thank you notes written to those who donated items to Trivia Night. Mr. Currey suggested we get information out about the Feb. 23 concert at Krannert.

Financial Report. No report yet, but Tim thought final figures would be better than last month. We need to spend money on sousaphones.

Getting Involved. Greg stressed we need lots of people to step up for next year. The band picnic will be Monday, May 17. We need people to coordinate it.

All-Music Trip—Spring 2010. Rehearsals are scheduled for Tues., Feb. 9, and Mon., Mar. 8 (the 8th may be changed due to the school board meeting). The band trip meeting on Jan. 24 went well and was attended by almost 110 students out of 120 going. All handouts, forms, and trip information are available on the website.

Choir Report. Mr. Mohr would like to meet to talk about the madrigal performances and suggested meeting on Feb. 13.

Orchestra Report. The orchestra concert is Feb. 25. Mr. Currey wrote and received a Splash grant. He spent the whole orchestra budget on music. He ordered 55 tickets for the April 15 trip to see the open rehearsal of the Chicago symphony.

Marching Band Trip. Mrs. Currey said the drill and music is being written. Guard rehearsals began this week—there are 5 new guard members for a possible 18 next year. Drum line auditions begin tomorrow.

Concert Band Report. On Feb. 23 at 7:30 P.M., wind symphony plays at Krannert with the U of I wind symphony I. On Feb. 25, symphonic band, orchestra, and choir have a concert in Decker Theatre.

Jazz Band Report. Swing Central will be Sat., Mar. 6 at Holiday Inn in Urbana. Volunteer help is needed, although we do not need to set up or tear down.

Fundraising Report. Trivia Night on Jan. 30 went well; the event netted \$4650.00 and was well-attended for its first year. There were lots of positive comments. The El Paso police provided a template for the event, including trivia questions. Greg said some parents expressed an interest in

resurrecting Maroonapalooza and encouraged volunteers to step forward if they want it to happen.

Director's Report. IMEA was last weekend. Fifteen Central students went and did great—13 students were in the band and 11 made it to the honors group, many in top or principal positions. Mr. Currey asked students to turn in itemized receipts for meals. Today Mr. Currey, Suzanne, and Tim finished the Mr. Holland's Opus Grant. Mr. Currey applied for 2 Splash grants—one was for percussion mallets. Jazz students who are going to Rolling Meadows may have an opportunity to go see the Gordon Goodwin band that same weekend. Mr. Mohr said 2 choir students went to IMEA. He now has 50 students in choir and may be able to split the class into two classes. He applied for a Splash grant that paid for a special camera that takes pictures that can be put up on the Smartboard. Mrs. Currey did a power point presentation on the possible budget cuts and how they would impact the music program in the near future and over the long term. Three teachers may be cut (and thus 15 classes). Any class with less than 18 students is especially vulnerable to being cut. She asked parents, when expressing their opinion to board members, to maintain a positive tone in stressing the importance of music as part of a core-curriculareducation. The board votes on budget cuts at their Mar. 8 meeting.

The meetings was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.