

Central High School Music Booster Minutes
Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Present: Tim Born, Roseanne Brighton, Rebecca Brooks, Scott Bush, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Chuck Dunnum, Deena Love, Ann Rast, Bruce Reardanz, Connie Sailor, Lynn Weckhorst, Melinda Wilcox, Darla Wilson, Dan Wurl, Kim Wurl

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

The minutes from the January 3, 2011 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Tim passed around the current financial information. We have over \$17,600 in non-restricted cash.

Fundraising Report. The Trivia Night fundraiser went well and had many positive comments. It made \$6000.00, including \$2500.00 from the silent auction. There were 28 tables and the room was full. If we have more teams next year, we'll have to reconfigure the room layout or change the venue. The Fannie Mae fundraiser is up and running. Ann could use some parent help after the fundraiser is over on Feb. 22. We need to turn the orders in the way we want them back. Tim will pick up the money. Mrs. Currey can do a spreadsheet. Scott said there are two shirts for people to choose from, both polo shirts; one costs \$20 and one costs \$30; both are available with monogramming for \$2.00 extra. It was suggested that either the boosters buy the shirts for the jazz bands or have the band members buy the shirts to wear during performances. We can make \$500 from the Savoy 16 if we sell their concession coupons to use on a night that we choose. Scott chose the Thursday before spring break to use the concession coupons.

Jazz Band Report. The Eastern Illinois University Jazz Festival is Feb. 12. All three jazz bands are playing. Two buses will leave from Central at 7 A.M. Some students will come back early for the school play. Swing Central is March 5. The food and venue are decided. Help is needed with equipment moving and set up/tear down. Jazz Fest is April 30 and May 1. Help is needed with everything from decorating to set up/tear down. The hotel, the buses, and the tickets for the performances are booked for the Savannah Jazz Festival. The trip will cost about \$500.00. A limited number of spaces are available for non-band trip participants. There will be a trip meeting scheduled for ensemble band parents.

Marching Band Report. The first deposit of \$250.00 for the marching band Disney trip in November is due on March 15.

Directors' Report. Mr. Currey said that the Centennial and Central orchestras will have a combined concert on Feb. 14 at 7 P.M. There will be a practice for it this Thursday. An EIU professor will come to work with students (it had to be re-scheduled due to snow). Also a Purdue orchestra professor will visit and work with students this semester. Solo and Ensemble will be March 5 at Heritage School. Wycliffe Gordon from Savannah will visit Wednesday and offer a free clinic from 1 to 3 P.M. (It is one of the perks for being accepted into the Savannah Jazz festival.) Mr. Currey, Mrs. Currey, and Mr. Larson each received \$500.00 Splash grants. They will spend the money on orchestra music, percussion mallets, I-Pod docking speakers, and recorders for madrigals. The Grammy Foundation called and wants to give Central a \$2000.00 grant with no strings attached. The jazz gig at Jupiters' last night went well and was a great venue. We made \$187.00 at the gig. There is a band concert on Feb. 22, a choir concert on Feb. 24, and an Iron Post gig on Feb. 24. All State went well—14 students

participated and many made the honors band. Davis Born and Michelle Pace made the top concert band and orchestra. There are two more dates for pep band—this Friday, Feb. 11 and next Friday, Feb. 18. Mrs. Currey spoke about possible budget cuts coming up, which will affect teachers' jobs and the classes offered. Although nothing has been decided yet, she asked parents to be vigilant and positive for now. She praised the quality of the teaching staff in Unit 4 and would hate for the district to lose quality teachers or to have to reduce the number of diverse classes currently offered.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.