

**Champaign Central Music Boosters Meeting
Monday, March 1, 2010**

Present: Greg Anderson, Michael Anderson, Tim Born, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Kathy Dwyer, Beth Etchison, Tina Farthing, Larry Frederickson, Scott Goslin, John Hart, Lucinda Hart, Don Hittle, Yeoungsook Lee, Kim Murphy, Mary Shoen Petersen, Joel Plutchak, Ann Rast, Connie Sailor, Paul Sailor, Lisa Warne-Magro, Lynn Weckhorst, Melinda Wilcox, Kim Wurl

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

Approval of Minutes. The minutes from the Feb. 1, 2010 booster meeting were approved.

Correspondence/Communications. Information about the Feb. 23 Krannert concert was sent to the News-Gazette and given to Joe Williams who forwarded it to the Unit 4 Board of Education. Greg read a nice thank you note that Bryan Reynolds, the fall student teacher, wrote to the music boosters.

Financial Report. Our balance is \$14,887.00. Greg talked of the need to get our own lighting system rather than keep using a borrowed set. It would cost at least \$300.00. After some discussion, a motion was made to spend up to \$400.00 to buy our own lighting system; the motion passed. Also greatly needed are new sousaphones. Mr. Currey showed a sample silver sousaphone; a brass one like it would cost \$4800.00, which includes the case. Mr. Currey has \$5000.00 that he could use to buy one this year and \$5000.00 in next year's budget for another one. Booster or grant money could possibly buy sousaphones.

Need Volunteers. Greg stressed that we need officers for the music booster board for next year. We need volunteers to help with the May 17 band picnic at Hessel Park. We also need a few people for Swing Central (March 6) and Jazz Fest (April 30, May 1). Lucinda added that she needs some help with band uniform fittings May 10, 11, 12.

All-Music Trip. The band trip is soon—March 10-14. There will be a final rehearsal on March 7 at 6:30 P.M. Departure time on March 10 will be around 5:00, 6:00, or 7:00 P.M.--time TBA.

Choir Report. There is a choir concert on April 29.

Orchestra Report. The orchestra is going to see a Chicago Symphony open rehearsal on April 15. Rehearsal is 10 A.M. To 1 P.M.; they'll eat lunch afterwards, then return. Fifty-five tickets are available. They will be offered to orchestra members first and then to other students. Orchestra is having a concert on April 29.

Marching Band Report. Mrs. Currey said color guard now has 16-17 kids. Drumline is going well. Ben Donaldson will be working with the drumline. The marching band show is being written now.

Concert Band Report. Concert will be on April 27 (wind and symphonic) and April 29 (concert).

Jazz Band Report. The Rolling Meadows jazz event was Saturday. Mr. Currey thought the students played very well. The Gordon Goodwin concert later was excellent. Jazz combo 1 will be playing in the Krannert lobby this Friday. Swing Central is 7 P.M. this Saturday. Jazz combo 2 will begin playing at 6:30 P.M. before the event. No MC has been lined up for Swing Central yet, but it is not certain if we need one other than the band directors. There will be a warm-up room set aside for students who

are performing. Pizza will be available and parent volunteers are needed to supervise that area. John H. sent around a sign-up sheet for that and for stage set-up. Set-up can begin as early as noon on Friday. Jazz Fest is April 30 and May 1—volunteers are needed for that event.

Fundraising Report. Maroonapalooza may happen soon after students are back to school in the fall. Someone noted that it used to take place the Sunday after Jazz Fest while things were still set up from Jazz Fest.

Keegan Bannon Ideas. Ideas were discussed on how to memorialize Keegan Bannon. We discussed doing a band award, a plaque, or a scholarship in his honor/memory. It was suggested that if a monetary donation was made, it could be combined with a scholarship the school was planning to create.

Director's Report. Mr. & Mrs. Currey thanked parents for their extra support and understanding during these recent, extraordinarily difficult days. They also praised their students for particularly good and respectful behavior. They are hopeful that band will make it safely through the upcoming budget cuts, thanks to strong, vocal parental support. Some band and string positions may be consolidated in lower grades. The Krannert concert on Feb. 23 was really great. Over 240 tickets have been sold for Swing Central.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.