

Central High School Music Booster Minutes
Monday, March 7, 2011

Present: Tim Born, Rebecca Brooks, Scott Bush, Ruthie Counter, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Chuck Dunnum, Becca Foli, Barbara Jones, Melanie Kenney, Steven Larson, Suzanne Lee, Mary Shoen Petersen, Connie Sailor, Lynn Weckhorst, Melinda Wilcox, Kim Wurl

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 P.M.

The minutes from the February 8, 2011 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Tim passed around financial report information. Swing Central made \$2500.00. The Fannie Mae fundraiser raised \$855.00 for the general music fund. Recording costs of \$1000.00 were saved due to the ensemble jazz band going to the Savannah Jazz Festival.

Swing Follow-Up. As Tim reported, Swing Central made \$2500.00. People liked the food and the venue. We needed more tables set up. The Holiday Inn hotel added a 20% gratuity, but waived the room rental fee. We need to start sooner to plan next year's event.

Jazz Fest. Things are going well with Jazz Fest. Volunteers are needed. Ann and Kathy are organizing the jazz cafe.

Fundraising. Scott will email information the Kim this week about the shirt orders so people can email their orders to him. Scott will call in the shirt order on Monday. Jackets are almost all sold out. Scott made many calls for people to donate to Swing Central, but the only people who gave have a personal connection to Central or the jazz program. The Savoy 16 movie night fundraiser is this Thursday evening before spring break. If people use a special coupon, half of the cost goes to music boosters. The Fannie Mae fundraiser made \$9000.00. After expenses, \$3800.00 goes to student credits and \$850.00 goes to the general music fund.

Marching Band. There will be approximately 140 marching band members next year. We discussed whether to order more band uniforms. We currently own 155 uniforms (that includes drum major uniforms), but are out of garment bags. Jackets cost \$117.50 each. We decided to order more jackets and need to have the order in by May. A decision needs to be made about the van. The current owners don't need it anymore and want to donate it to the school. It perhaps can be designated a "restricted gift" so Unit 4 will not reassign it for uses other than Central's band program.

By-Laws Update. The by-laws need to be updated and revised. Kim will go through them and form a by-law committee. Mr. Larson asked that a VP choir position be added to the board.

Disney Trip. Deposit money for the trip is due on March 15. Chaperone money is due as well.

Unit 4 Budget Update. Kim thanked everyone for their positive comments to the Unit 4 board of education. More than 100 emails were received. Because parents spoke up, the band and strings program were taken off the list for budget cuts.

Director's Report. There is a concert this Thursday at Centennial. The Central choir will perform with Centennial's choir and orchestra. Drum line clinics wrap up Friday. Central students did very well at solo/ensemble. Many were chosen as "best of the day" performers. Altogether Central had 84

first place, and 10 second place ratings. Scores were figured with decimal points, not just whole numbers. The Feb. 14 combined concert with Centennial was well-received. There may be more collaborations in the future. On March 8, jazz ensemble practice will have sectionals to prepare for Savannah. On March 9 there will be trombone and trumpet sectionals. March 10 will be a full rehearsal. Mr. Currey said there were many people at the Unit 4 board meeting. The board adjusted the budget cut list because “the community has spoken” and does not want to cut the arts. A final vote on the cuts will be March 28. Central Music Boosters received a \$2000.00 grant from the Grammy's. Current music needs include an amp and a way to get the drum majors up higher in marching band. PTSA has a wish list for specific requests from teachers. Kyle had a job interview here. Wyclef Gordon from the Savannah jazz festival was here to work with students.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.