

Minutes of the August 29 Central Music Boosters Meeting

Present: Rebecca Brooks, Scott Bush, Amy Campbell, John Currey, Jennifer Currey, Beth Etchison, Becca Foli, Janet Frazzetto, G. David Frye, Bobbi Gordon, Julie Healy, Ashley Mayer, Rise Lange, Suzanne Lee, Connie Sailor, Beth Slotnick, Mary Schoen Petersen, Mary Joy Spohrer, Nancy Suchomski, Melinda Wilcox, Darla Wilson, and Kim Wurl. Stephen Larson made a cameo appearance.

Budget: The meeting started with introductions around the circle. Then Suzanne Lee (President) gave the treasurer's report for Tim Born. Last year there was a surplus of about \$1500 carried over, which is pretty typical. Suzanne went over a few items (such as the purchase of the new trailer) in the proposed budget and mentioned two that were not included on it: \$300 for Quick Book Pro to be used by the Boosters and \$500 for miscellaneous marching band fees including the expense for renting the tent for band camp.

Thanks and Help Wanted: Suzanne then thanked individuals and groups for their contributions to the Booster programs thus far. She also mentioned that a parent has been found to be the orchestra parent representative, but a choir parent is still needed. Other vacancies include a publicity person, a chair person for the pops concert, help with fundraising, and a by-laws committee. People interested in these positions should contact Suzanne.

Pops Concert: Mr. Larson stopped by the meeting briefly on a break from musical auditions. He wondered if the *Chorus Line* performers (most of these kids are in band and/or choir anyway) could do a number at the Pops Concert.

The concert will be October 4, at Faith United Methodist Church. It will include a dinner, a silent auction, and music of a more popular nature. The committee (head still needed) will plan the event.

Fundraising: Scott Bush (fundraising chairperson) reported that there are eight home U of I football games where students can help park cars. Students will receive \$22.50 for each day. An email will go home so kids can sign up.

He also reported that he is trying to coordinate fundraising for the year so that businesses are only contacted once. Additional upcoming fundraisers include fruit sales, Bergner Days, and candy sales.

Jazz Band: Amy Campbell (jazz chairperson) reported that jazz band auditions were coming up quickly. Each student had an eight-minute time slot to audition for jazz bands and combo. Three jazz bands are planned for this year again. More information will be forthcoming once the audition process is complete.

Marching Band: Kim Wurl (Marching Band chairperson) reported that band camp had been a success and thanked everyone who has helped with marching band so far. The tent was much appreciated by kids and staff. She reported there were still many lost and found items from band camp. Students should check the van for missing items. Kim also reminded parents that proofs from the band camp photos were back from Illini Studio and she noted the band program got a percentage from any orders.

Boosters have purchased the new white trailer and the Dani family is outfitting it with shelves so it can haul both sousaphones and mellophones. Kim also reported that the red trailer was in a minor accident, but the damage (a foot-long gash) will need to be repaired.

Truck/Trailer: A long-term solution is being sought for pulling the trailers for both Central and Centennial—due to insurance and other issues. Unit 4 administrators are involved now and the Curreys are hopeful a district-level solution can be found.

Directors Report: The Curreys report that both the opening football halftime show and the Urbana Sweet Corn Festival went well. They said kids continued to join marching band and they had new kids that morning. They noted the weather forecast was for Friday to be very hot and humid and said the kids would wear shorts and the marching band T-shirt for the game that night if that remained the case.

They introduced the new student teacher, Ashley Mayer.

They reported that there were 97 kids signed up for the Disney trip and seven or eight chaperones. A chaperone meeting will be called in the near future. It is still possible to sign up as either a student or a chaperone (and in fact one or two more of the latter would be helpful), but they need to know quickly.

Mrs. Currey noted they could use hand sanitizer and wipes for the class room. She also reminded parents that several students still needed to turn in their regular band class forms.

The band classes are still in the sight-reading phase. They need more instruments for all the new students and would welcome donations of clarinets, flutes, coronets, trumpets, and so on. They are switching several kids to different instruments. They did receive donations of a clarinet and a trumpet.

Orchestra has 30 students, band about 165, and marching band about 140.

New Treasurer: David Frye made a motion to elect Beth Engelbrecht-Wiggans treasurer. Rise Lange seconded. The motion carried.

Budget Approval: Scott Bush moved to accept the proposed budget with the two additions (noted above). Rise Lange (and others) seconded. The motion was approved.

The next Booster meeting is Monday, September 26, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Brooks, secretary.