

**Champaign Central Music Boosters Meeting
November 30, 2009**

Present: Greg Anderson, Michael Anderson, Linda Bassani, Tim Born, Rebecca Brooks, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Chuck Dunnum, Jack Durant, Kathy Dwyer, Beth Etchison, David Frye, Scott Goslin, Colleen Hammel, Susan Harum, John Hart, Lucinda Lawrence Hart, Barbara Jones, Brent Kincheloe, Julie King, Suzanne Lee, Tom Mohr, Julie Ramsey, Ann Rast, Connie Sailor, Paul Sailor, Patti Vanderwerf, Lynn Weckhorst, Melinda Wilcox, Kim Wurl

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M.

Approval Of Minutes. The minutes from the November 2 booster meeting were approved.

Financial Report. No official November numbers are ready yet. See balance from Nov. 2 meeting.

All-Music Trip. There are 15 chaperones; all met a few weeks ago to discuss tasks, etc. All parents and students will meet in Decker Theatre on Jan. 24 at 3 P.M. to discuss details of the trip and fill out forms. The third installment payment of \$200 is due today. Trip insurance is available, but people need to be aware of what it covers and does not cover.

Choir Report. All choirs perform on Thurs., Dec. 10. Madrigals are Dec. 5 & 6. *Sweeney Todd* was chosen to perform at ISU at the state theatre festival in January. Drama club members will perform the play on Fri., Jan. 8, at 9 A.M. and on Sat., Jan. 9, at 1 P.M. Mr. Mohr made sample luggage and back pack tags for the trip and passed them around.

Orchestra Report. Orchestra performs on Dec. 10.

Marching Band Report. Uniforms are still being returned. Lucinda needs help gathering uniforms tonight and also needs volunteers after the holidays. She asked for ideas for blocking the filter in the cage storage area.

Concert Band Report. Concert bands perform on Tues., Dec. 8, and on Thurs., Dec. 10.

Jazz Band Report. John H. has no information on Illini Studio pictures yet. Lab, stage, and combo 3 will perform at Iron Post on Tues., Dec. 1; casual dress is OK. Parent help is needed to move equipment—loading will begin at 4:30 P.M. On Dec. 3, jazz combos 1 & 2, stage, and ensemble bands will perform at the U of I Colonnade Club from 7:30 to 10 P.M. When not performing, students can watch TV on the 6th floor. Suit and tie is required. Swing Central is scheduled for March 6, 2010; several venues are being considered.

Fundraising. Tim thanked Jack and Chuck for organizing the Illini football parking. Lots were filled each time. Students should not do any texting when they work in the lots. Central Illinois Produce is ready for the fruit on Dec. 7. Two adults and 4-6 kids maximum are needed Mon. through Wed. to check and sort fruit. Tim will check with students who requested financial for the trip to see if they can help. Fruit pick-up will be Dec. 11 & 12. Altogether 108 students (about half) participated in selling. Sales totaled \$22,357; donations totaled \$836. Trivia Night (organized by Mertens, Klaus, & Goslin families) will be Jan. 30 at Faith United Methodist Church. Flyers will be passed out at next week's concerts and can be put in fruit boxes. Dinner is at 6 P.M., trivia is at 7 P.M., plus there will a silent auction, door prizes, and trophies. Teams will be charged \$160 and spectators \$10.

Other. Game Night will be Sat., Jan. 9 at First Christian Church. Tim said Kyle Kaplan appreciated all the get well messages from the band students.

Director's Report. Mrs. Currey said the game night on Jan. 9 would be 6-9 P.M. Students in drama club should be back in time to go to it. The cost will be less than last year (\$5.00). Proceeds from two bake sales will pay for most of it; the second bake sale is scheduled for Dec. 15. This year's cost may be \$2-3.00 per person. Extra pizza will be taken to the Times Center. On Fri., Dec. 18, students can volunteer to play in pep band at Centennial. "Team C" t-shirts will be sold and worn at the game to raise money for Clif Aldridge, brother of Mr. Aldridge, a Central teacher. More details to come. Marching band students are to turn in their music. There is a list of people who have turned in little or no music so far. Section leader and drum major applications were passed out. Mr. Currey would like to get 150-160 students to join marching band so Central can march in really big parades like Macy's or the Rose Bowl parade. All beginning band students are playing with concert band on Tuesday. (Boosters' money bought their instruments.) Mr. Currey thanked parents who helped with Edison and Franklin band tours. He thought the band sounded good and received a favorable response. At Edison, 40 students signed up; 25 signed up at Franklin. Fifteen students made the All-State band that will play in Peoria on Jan. 30. Students' hotel stay and their \$25 IMEA fee will be paid for and each student will receive \$15 per day for food. There is a new schedule for the Dec. 12 pep band game. Parents with grant writing experience are needed to help with the Mr. Holland's Opus grant due Feb. 1. Mr. Currey discussed the Festival of Lights parade and how people at the Mellon building strongly urged Central's marching band to march in it. The Curreys explained to administrators at the Mellon building that the parade was too cold and dangerous for students and instruments and we would not be marching. To underscore that decision, a motion was made and seconded to send a letter from the music boosters supporting the band's reasons not to march and to suggest that in the future an alternate event or indoor venue could be considered. Motion carried. Mr. Mohr said his contact information is on the Central website.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.