

Central Music Boosters Minutes
April 27, 2017
7:30pm Central Band Room

In attendance:

Cindy Brya, Donna Butler, Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Karen Devine, Crystal Djordjevic, Carrie Duncker, Jim Duncker, Shawn Flaningam, Stephen Larson, Beth McDonald, Drew Phillips, Laura Schmidt, Scott Schmidt, Anke Voss

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Minutes from the March 2016 booster meeting were approved.

Business Items

Disney Trip (Cindy Brya)

We are in need of chaperones. With ~140 students registered for the trip, we should have 12-14 chaperones but only have 4 signed up. Cindy will send an email to let parents know we need more chaperones and will have to cancel the trip if we don't have enough adult volunteers. The cost for chaperones will be \$1,400-1,500 depending on double or single room occupancy.

Trailer Update (Shawn Flaningam)

We will have the new trailer next month. Shawn will coordinate the pick-up arrangements with the Curreys. When the trailer arrives, volunteers will need to build the little room in the front. Tracy Nugent has collected \$4,000 in sponsorships.

Openings for 2016-2017 (Cindy Brya)

- **Fundraising Coordinator:** The Boosters need to coordinate fundraising efforts so we don't burn out businesses by asking them for money all the time. Anke Voss volunteered to create a spreadsheet with businesses and families who have donated to jazz events. Cindy will supply information from the Silent Auction at Trivia Night, and we can use this spreadsheet for future fundraising. Beth McDonald volunteered to organize fundraising dinners at local restaurants, with a goal of having one dinner fundraiser in the fall and one in the spring. Several restaurants offer these easy fundraisers, where a percentage of the evening's proceeds go to a non-profit.
- **Fruit Sale Coordinator:** Roxann Bossenbroek's son is graduating this year, so we need someone to take her spot in the upcoming school year.
- **Trivia Night / Silent Auction:** Janet Roadcap has been coordinating Trivia Night but will need someone to shadow her in 2018 and take over in 2019. Carrie Duncker offered to help. We could use a freshman parent to assist since Carrie will have a senior in 2019. Cindy could also use help with the Silent Auction.
- **Volunteer Job Responsibilities:** Donna Butler said that the Boosters used to have a list of volunteer positions which included the responsibilities and estimated time commitment. She and Cindy will look for this information and send it in an email and post it to the booster website.

Treasurer's Report (Donna Butler)

The boosters have approximately \$4,500 in unpaid balances for graduating seniors, and it is likely we will have to write off a large amount of this deficit.

We have around \$66,000 in the checking account and \$63,000 in the money market account. If there are instruments that need to be purchased or serviced, the Boosters will contribute money to the cost. John Currey will put together a wish list for the boosters to fund.

He mentioned that jazz students collected \$28,000 for the jazz trips. Each student received \$500 towards the Savannah trip and \$650 for the Ellington trip.

Donna said that the biggest expense for marching band in the upcoming year will be to purchase new shoes. Jennifer Currey said that pre-enrollment figures show 181 students signed up for marching band. The Boosters approved a motion to replace QuickBooks with a new bookkeeping system, Charms, which is specific for music organizations. It is set up so that parents can see student accounts, and the directors can track uniforms and music. Plus, it is \$100 less per year to use the new system.

Choir Report (Stephen Larson)

On Thursday, May 4, choir will hold the senior solo concert. The Franklin Middle School choir will be singing too. A cookie reception will follow, and we will need parents to help.

Ten students went to the Black Sacred Music Symposium at the U of I. Choir students also went to Medieval Times and participated in a clinic.

On April 7, we hosted the Chambana a cappella festival.

Choir auditions will be May 17-19 in class and after school.

Jazz Report (Karen Devine)

Jazz Fest was held last weekend. There were ~330 paying guests the first night and ~250 the second night. We brought in ~\$3,500 for program ads, and raised close to \$3,000 after expenses.

Karen suggested doing more to make Jazz Fest a fundraiser. Some ideas were to add a dance floor and sell tickets, hold a silent auction/raffle, or sell t-shirts. John Currey said that they used to take the jazz students to elementary schools to perform, then give students a free ticket to Jazz Fest with a paying adult. That raised awareness of the jazz program and brought in attendance.

Karen proposed inviting donors to Jazz Fest as a thank you.

Director's Report (Jennifer and John Currey)

Auditions went well. The directors are meeting with students who want feedback on their audition. Next year's calendar dates are on the website. The dates will be on the Google calendar instead of being provided in a printed handout, to save paper and time. The boosters supported putting the Student Handbook online too in an effort to go paperless. Cindy can add these items to the booster website.

The marching band will be going to the U of I Marching Band Competition in October after all. There will be four marching band competitions in addition to home games.

The last band concert of the year will be Wednesday, May 3. Wind Symphony will be performing at Krannert on Friday, May 5, for Superstate. The directors will need a volunteer or two for Superstate and for commencement.

The end-of-year Band Banquet will be held Wednesday, May 17, in the cafeteria. Doors will open at 6:00 and cake and lemonade will be served. Awards will be at 6:30.

At the banquet, the boosters will announce summer music camp scholarship recipients, recognize volunteers, and elect the slate of officers for the 2017-2018 school year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43.

Submitted by

Cindy Brya, Booster President