

**Central High School  
Music Boosters Meeting  
December 12, 2018**

**In attendance:** Jennifer Currey, John Currey, Nick Schulze, Catherine Lofy, Gretchen Pein, Tim Mininger, Scott Schmidt, Laura Schmidt, Cindy Brya, Carrie Duncker, Marilee Johnson, Laura Stevens, Stacie Young, Donna Butler, Kim Wurl.

Meeting called to order at 7 pm; introductions were made and minutes from the October meeting were approved.

**Fruit Sales** (Stacie Young): sales are down from last year but we still did well. There were many leftover oranges; some will be offered for sale at this week's orchestra concert. Others were donated to Jubilee Café and Grace Lutheran Church's food bank. More will be distributed as thank-yous to various people and organizations who support the music program.

**Marching Band** (Kim Wurl): everything went smoothly this year due in large part to a high level of parent involvement. It was suggested that we present a gift card to Shawn Flaningam for all of his continued help with the trailer. Donna motioned to spend \$50 on the gift card and Scott seconded. The motion passed. The trailer had to leave Tolono as that space was overbooked; Shawn found another location in Mansfield that is \$15/mo cheaper than the Tolono site. The trailer has already been moved and we have free access to it.

**Trivia Night** (Carrie Duncker): Dos Reales will be providing the food this year; we pay \$275 and they are donating the remainder. They do not deliver so the SignUp Genius (to go live in mid-January) will include food pickup. Cindy would like the SignUp Genius to be sent earlier as we need to recruit Silent Auction coordinators sooner than January (and ditto for the Trivia Night coordinator). Event is scheduled for Feb 2 and publicity will include a facebook event and news calendars.

**Treasurer's Report** (Donna Butler): all of the fruit sales and UI football parking money has been collected and allotted. Discussion of football parking: \$1013 in band account credits were given, and \$1288 went directly to the Music Boosters. At one game, we paid more out than earned (via parked cars). Next year perhaps implement a 2-game limit for volunteers.

**CHS Renovation and Expansion Concerns** (Jennifer Currey): The new music wing is scheduled to open for Fall 2022. There will be a 175-seat band room as well as rooms for orchestra, vocal rehearsal, storage, and music library; practice rooms, a repair office and a uniform storage room. The walls will block sound and the shop entrance is facing another way so exhaust fumes should no longer be an issue. There is great concern that the district is overspending on construction already, and the improvements to the music wing are last on the schedule. The Curreys have already been told that there will be no resources for new music stands/chairs, and the storage cabinetry has been downgraded in the most recent plans. Additionally, Lynn Street residents have been contacting Champaign City Council about their resistance to the already-established plan to close a block of Lynn St, have lights on the planned marching band practice field, and practice field parking nearby. City Council needs to hear from band parents who support the need for a marching band practice field and quality construction of our facilities. We need to ensure that our tax dollars are being spent appropriately and fairly, and that athletics do not consistently take priority over music in these renovations. We will also need parents and

students to attend the January/February city council meeting to voice concerns in person, especially those with Champaign addresses. Mrs. Currey will send out more information on the city council meeting after break.

**Director's Report-Choir** (Mr. Schulze): Choir performed at Festival of Trees. Have spent time recruiting at Edison and Franklin, plans for Jefferson. Will be on CI Living tomorrow (Tuesday Dec 11). Were invited by State Farm Center to perform the National Anthem at the Feb 5 men's basketball game but students are required to purchase tickets (at \$30 each). There is a pre-order special for \$10 each so Mr. Schulze will get \$ from boosters to front the order.

**Director's Report** (Mrs. Currey): C-U Schools Foundation sent a donation of \$2,940, which is likely overage from an unrelated scholarship fund. Also a parent donated \$500 at the recent parent/teacher conferences. Fannie May fundraiser: do we want to do this? Yes. Kickoff will be Feb 5 or 6 and a parent coordinator would be appreciated.

**Director's Report** (Mr. Currey): Orchestra concert tomorrow (Dec 11) w/Centennial. Reggie Thomas worked with students recently thanks to a CU Schools Foundation grant. Jazz Band: scheduling gigs and recording times has been difficult. Ensemble will record this Sunday. Iron Post this Friday: earlier start, set up at 4 pm, done by 8 pm. Other upcoming events:

Jan 18 at Iron Post again

Purdue Jazz Fest is Jan 19.

New Trier for Stage Band & Lab Band on Feb 2.

Sun Prairie in WI on Feb 16 for Stage & Ensemble

Swing Dance Feb 22.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm