

Central High School Music Boosters Meeting

Mon Feb 8, 2021

In attendance: Mary Combs, John Currey, Jennifer Currey, Clara Chen, Gretchen Pein, Melinda Branch, Stacie Young, Scott Schmidt, Nick Schulze.

Director's Report (Mr Currey): Sent a videos from the last rehearsal of Jazz Ensemble to Purdue Jazz Fest and were adjudicated at the virtual fest. IMEA has cancelled All-State in person, but moved to virtual and the last weekend of spring break. Every class is working on a project pertaining to Armed Forces marches, and student recorded videos will be compiled. Jazz at Lincoln Center will try to have an in-person festival in early June; Ensemble will record one tune to submit.

One of the new basses cracked; the manufacturer replaced it but recommended a humidifier for the church space. Mr. Currey purchased one but it isn't big enough to properly humidify the space. Mr Currey contacted the construction group to inquire about the new building's capability to maintain good air quality. The church space will be used by the music program for another year, until May 2022. Would it be possible to add a built-in humidifier to the HVAC system at the church? Should we get additional units? We also need to have humidifiers placed by the pianos. Mrs Currey will go to Mr. Williams to see if Unit 4 will pay for the additional units; if not, then Boosters will fund additional portable units.

Director's Report (Mrs Currey): Solo & Ensemble Contest will be virtual; deadline to sign up is this Wednesday and video submissions are due March 3. Placement auditions for band & orchestra are also the week of March 4. About 50% of students are electing to return to in-person learning. Scott Schmidt: when will we retrieve the trailer from storage? March, when we can then bring it to the parking lot of the church. Scott will arrange for a check to pay the storage facility.

Director's Report (Mr Schulze): Choir has a student teacher this semester. Students are working through songs to produce a virtual concert, some for Black History Month.

Treasurer's Report (Clara Chen): about 100 marching band students haven't yet paid their participation fees, and just a few jazz band students. Received some assorted donations; Clara will send out the tax letters to the two who sent checks.

Marching Band (Marilee Johnson): thank you to the Curreys for delivering the hats and prizes. Should Marilee do something to communicate with marching band parents regarding the missing participation fees? Mrs Currey doesn't feel like we can push parents right now, and if we can afford to not push them, it would be preferable. Maybe we can send a reminder, as some parents just lost track of things this year. We'll also have senior account money after May, since there weren't a lot of activities for seniors to spend their earned money on this year.

Jazz Band (Melinda Branch): not a lot to report at this time. Students seem glad to be back.

Next meeting may be March 8, TBA.