

# **Central Music Boosters**

## **Notes from Board Meeting April 3, 2023**

**In attendance:** Bonnie Vanoss, Jim Struyk, MariKaye Rath, Brittany Rennels, Kevin Fredrick, Chris Kobylewski, Eleni Karavasis, Sharon Miller, Kathy Olvera, Karen Grewal, Christine Heckman, Britney Mylott

**Call to Order:** 7:06pm by Bonnie Vanoss

**Introductions:** None

### **Music & Theater Directors Reports:**

**Jim-** IHSA performance coming up April 15 for wind ensemble, jazz band, chorale. Concert week May 2-5, with Vocal velocity on May 6-7. Jazz Night is May 5th, with CHS, CMS and PKMS jazz bands performing. Spirit store is up, sent the link out. Musical is done, it was amazing. Vocal Velocity is now starting up. Summer camp dates have been sent out: July 25-27 mini brass camp, percussion camp July 24-28, band camp July 31-Aug 4. New junior high percussion camp this summer, high school kids can help for NHS service hours. Vocal velocity camp this summer again, and theater camp also. Thanks to Eric Hutchcroft for helping at Bingo Night. We used the money raised for a meal from Portillo's for the musical during tech week.

**Christine Heckman-** Group Interpretive Sectionals, did not make state but a few students got awards. Jack Cooper got a Judges Award (2 judges), and Jack Winkelhake and Maddie Hargadon got Unanimous Judges Award. We will offer middle school camp this summer the week of June 12, high school kids can help for service hours.

**Kevin Frederick-** Spring showcase on April 12 at CMS. One-act play, talent show, artwork, clubs. Jazz band will perform 6-630 with a coffeehouse vibe. 5th grade band will combine for showcase. May 11 is band concert. 8th grade jazz ensemble will play at district band night on May 5 at CHS.

**Brittany Rennels-** 4th grade recruitment starting. 6th grade band and choir concerts on May 10th; 7th grade band and choir concerts on May 9. New this year, they will perform a combined band/choir piece at each concert. 5th, 6th and 7th grade bands will perform Star Spangled Banner at Cougars game on May 20th. PKMS band will also go to district Jazz Night at CHS on May 5. New this year, middle school summer band camp, June

26-30th, with a concert on Friday evening. 103 students expressed interest in this camp. There are currently 235 band students in 5th, 6th, and 7th grades.

**Motion to approve March minutes:** they were not sent out, will approve next meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report - Chris K**

Musical income over \$8000, mostly sponsors. \$210 from sweatshirt sales. Bingo \$207 income, need to create a new line item.

Expenses \$5200 for musical so far, more coming.

Jim said we still need to cut a check from boosters for choreographer for vocal velocity, \$1000.

Jim asked if he can see Directors funds balances itemized, Chris said he can set up on a separate tab or sheet to show balance of each director's \$500 fund each month.

Motion to accept treasurer's report Jim, Brittany 2nd, all approved.

### **Other Comments-**

Musical - Eleni said choreography was excellent. Jim said it was Jenna's (choreographer) first time, she will do again next year. Jim said Shelby (director) is moving to LA and gave tips to the kids about careers in theater, etc. Jim said thanks to Christine for filling in on various tasks for the musical.

### **Chair Reports-**

#### **Scholarship- Brittany Mylott**

Only 2 applicants for high school with 2 scholarships. 11 middle school applicants for 2 scholarships. Created new rubric for middle schoolers for judges. Got 5 \$20 gift cards for judges as a thank you. Created certificates for all scholarship applicants. Judging due Friday. The essays are anonymous, judges can't see who wrote it. Maybe boosters should add to bylaws for scholarships to also include guard, theater to open it up to more kids, and change wording to pay for college courses in "performing arts" instead of just music? Also, maybe the due dates are not at a good time since kids are busy in the spring, maybe move earlier in the year?

#### **Website- Sharon Miller**

Added show to the website to purchase tickets. Maybe we should add a hit counter to see how much traffic our website gets.

### **Social Media - Kathy Olvera**

Kelly McKay will shoot commercial spots for Sleigh Bells donors for free ads (Blue Chip Chiropractic, Edward Jones, Next Generation Pediatrics).

### **Funding Request - Risers**

Our risers are too small, need larger. Jim said ½ the cost from the district and up to half from boosters, up to \$15,000. Mari Kaye got 3 quotes, of which the middle priced quote had the best design (easy storage and easy setup). Wenger was \$25,800, Stage Right \$23,900, and Stage Drop \$35,400. Wenger quote includes accessory kit side rail extra purchase, back rails and freight included in the quote.

Chris pointed out that we had budgeted \$8000 for school equipment, is it ok to go higher? Eleni said we do have a large balance from covid years still. Bonnie agreed that we need to spend some of our high balance. Jim said the district has some funds that they need to spend, and they like it when the cost is shared by another organization. Vote to approve, 7 for, none against (Unanimous).

### **Other-**

Mari Kaye said another bingo night is being planned before end of the year, will give info soon.

**Motion to adjourn - 8pm** Mari Kaye, Sharon 2nd.