

# Central Music Boosters Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2019

Attendees: Cathy Britts-Axen, Kevin Fredrick, Annaliese Siegel, Kelly McKay, Mari Kaye Rath, Tracy Grote, Amie Roeder, Kris Kovari, Lisa Perry, Karen Karner, Heide Buckman, Sherri DeRaedt

Called to order 7:05

By Kelly McKay

## 1. Welcome and Please sign in

## 2. Director Reports:

- a. Amie Roeder- CMS 8th choir has 43 students. There will be two concerts with 6th & 7th choir, dates are Dec 5th and Mar 12 and will be held at PKMS. An additional concert, 8th grade band & choir will be May 12 at CMS. Choir is currently working on preparing music for Veterans Day and ILMEA.
- b. Annaliese Siegel- The 5th grade band is in its 3rd week of practice. There are 96 5th grade students at PKMS. Mr. Piel is now teaching brass full time. The 6th grade band is working on holiday music and 7th grade is working on veterans day material. Upcoming concerts are Dec 11th 6th-8th grade bands and Dec 12th will be a 5th grade double feature due to the band being too large for one concert. The 6th and 7th grade jazz band starts practicing tomorrow and currently there are 33 students.
- c. Kevin Fredrick- The 5th grade band at CMS has doubled this year for a total of 65 students. We've been using an "ambassador" program where the 8th grades have been helping the 5th graders find their way around the building. It's been a very positive experience. The 8th grade jazz band started practicing last week. The 8th grade band is working on Veteran's Day and ILMEA music.
- d. Jim Struyk - Kelly McKay shared Mr. Struyk's update in his absence. Marching band has marched in two parades, Maple Park and Burlington Days. They've also performed at Fan Fest and the first home football game. We've been working on Sleigh Bells Ring for December. The event will follow the same plan and schedule as last year's event.
  - i. Mari Kaye shared that the goal for this year is to have more of the Burlington community in attendance. Information will be in the Village of Burlington fall newsletters and we're looking to have high school choir and/or band students go to elementary school concerts to hand out flyers. Last year we had approximately 800 people attend.
- e. Jonathan Piel (Submitted via email) - Choir is underway and starting to dig into our music for our (distantly) upcoming holiday concert in December. Thanks to the amazing work by the elementary teachers we are sitting at 73 students in 6th grade choir, which is the highest number at PK ever according to the information I have been able to cobble together! 6th grade is just finishing up work on posture, and looking at score reading for two part music. They will be spending much of this first concert working on singing in two parts. 7th grade is just

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starting to scratch the surface of 3 part music, and working on balancing three different parts. The guys are starting to figure out how to navigate their new found ranges, and really focusing on jumping back and forth between octaves to help them sing things not necessarily in their range. We are in the process of getting an extra girls choir up and running, they have been clamoring for more singing opportunities! Our first concert is December 5 here at PK with CMS and PK choirs!

- f. Jeff Nesseth (submitted via email) - I will not be able to join you this evening due to being in rehearsal with Men of Note and Women's Chorale. We are off and going in high school choir this year. There are roughly 200 kiddos enrolled in some level of choir this semester. I am happy to share with you all that Introduction to Chorus is running this year, and it currently has 40 students enrolled in it. (This is great for a multitude of reasons, mainly, our new musicians have an opportunity for 1 on 1 instruction....focusing on problem areas and finding plausible solutions in an interactive environment.) The 2 sections of Chorus are plugging away on new repertoire and reviewing our basic musicianship theory skills. Our primary focus this quarter is RHYTHM. The Chorale has nearly 50 members this year, a new all-time high; with over half the ensemble graduating this past year, we are re-grouping and enjoy working on a variety of new repertoire. \*\* I am currently putting together a proposal for a Europe trip this upcoming summer to the following great destinations: Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, and Munich. (Historically, the choir has traveled throughout Europe on the even years (2002, 2004, etc..) since 2002. Sadly, we offered Hawaii as a choice in 2018 with very little interest.) This is very much in an infant stage and will have more information shortly. \*\*\* Side note: We offered Hawaii in 2018 because of various travel bans..... I am aware that Hawaii is not in Europe. LOL! The musical has been cast and we are beginning Week 2 of rehearsals. We are happy to announce that Christine Heckman is taking on the directing responsibilities, Mr. Nesseth (music director/artistic director), and Mr. Struyk (Technical director). The musical this year is Guys and Dolls and will be running 11/14-11/17. Women's Chorale and Men of Note will be meeting for the second time this evening.

### 3. Principal and Administrator Reports

Kathy Britts Axon - No administrator's report at this time

### 4. Review / Approve August Minutes

- a. *Mari Kaye Rath motioned to approve the August minutes, Sherri DeRaedt 2nd, all approved*

### 5. Fundraisers

- a. Klein's Vegetable Sale Details - Kelly reported this year's sales totaled \$1750, we budgeted for \$2000. We had the most volunteers we've ever had. A suggestion shared with boosters for next year, we could have volunteer students from choir,

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theater, etc to assist with running bags of veggies and watermelons to cars for customers.

- b. Restaurant Nights in 19/20 school year - Vicky Randolph is organizing 2 of them this year. More information to come.
  - c. New name and venue for our biggest fundraiser -
    - i. Kelly presented the proposed changes to the Desserts First fundraiser.
      1. New name - "Boots, Beats, & Blue Jeans"
      2. Date- Feb 22, 2020
      3. Location - Elgin Country Club
      4. Entertainment - Live acoustic music by Thirsty Boots band, bourbon tastings, silent auction, unique live auction
    - ii. We are still looking for sponsors- please forward any possible information or contacts to Kelly
    - iii. Asking directors to assist in raising attention by advertising at concerts starting in October, adding information in newsletters and teacher websites
- 6. Marching Band Yard Signs** - Discussion was had to have signs made to include all groups the boosters support. Theater student signs would be useful as advertising for upcoming plays/musicals. Lisa Perry, Heide Buckman, Karen Karner will discuss with Mr. Nesseth
- 7. Scholarship Application**
- a. Review Proposed changes to the Scholarship application forms
  - b. *Tracy Grote moved to approve revised scholarship application, Kris Kovari 2nd, all approved.*
- 8. Treasurer Report and review any more changes to the 2019/2020 Proposed Budget**
- a. *Mari Kaye Rath moved to table August treasurer's report review and approval to next month due to needing clarification, Tracy Grote 2nd, all approve*
  - b. Review By Laws proposed changes and vote
    - i. *Mari Kaye Rath moved to approve by law changes, Sherri DeRaedt 2nd all approve*
- 9. Concessions Updates:**
- a. New Room - Kelly reported CHS administration, in an effort to support music boosters, has designated a permanent room for boosters to use as a sales booth and product storage. In October we'll have a ½ door installed and going forward concert attendees will be routed past the booth.
  - b. Kris reported boosters will be selling coffee/ hot chocolate and water at Winter concert.
  - c. Kris reported there will not be a price increase on products
  - d. We will be using a popcorn machine for a one time use to see how sales go.
- 10. Discuss new CMB logo-** Discussion and suggestions for new logo, overall consensus was the proposed changes look great. Kelly will move forward with designs.
- 11. CMB helping with the Pink Out** - Kelly reported music booster will be running a door decorating competition to support athletic boosters with pink out. More information to

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come. Mari Kaye suggested we consider asking cancer survivors to participate in the judging of the decorated doors.

### Additional topics:

- Supporting Musicals - Lisa Perry, Heide Buckman, and Karen Karner presented questions to the board on how boosters could help to fund musicals, specifically for costume expenses. In the past it was suggested they could present a quote in the spring for the fall musical, however their concern has been that it's very difficult to forecast the budget needed due to many variables. Mari Kaye suggested they presents a proposal to the booster, Mr. Nesseth would need to sponsor the proposal, and then the board will vote on it. Due to time constraints for this fall's musical, Mari Kaye suggested an expedited application. Lisa Perry indicated the request would be approximately \$2000.
- A thank you card from Stephanie Hulke : "I wanted to thank you for the beautiful "retirement" gift. It was a pleasure helping out boosters for all those years. I know you are going to be in good care. Thanks again, Stephanie"

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mari Kaye Rath, 2nd by Heidi Buckman, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:52

**Next Meeting:** October 7, 2019 at CHS at 7:00 pm