IOWA CITY MUSIC AUXILIARY

*Board Meeting*

March 25, 2019

7:00 p.m.

ICCSD Board Room

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY Mandi Bozarth, East Side Elementary Band Representative

THESE MINUTES WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE BOARD AT ITS NEXT MEETING. PLEASE REFER TO THE MINUTES OF THAT MEETING FOR ANY CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THESE MINUTES.

Members: President: Christine Blaumueller

Vice President: Katharine Senn

Past President: Deborah Wagner

Treasurer: Francine Rath

Secretary: Mona Parekh

Information Officer: Bill Emerson

District Music Coordinator: Jon Welch

Attendees

Representatives and Directors: Jamie Bagan, Chris Blaumueller, Mandi Bozarth, Janis Deyak, Lori Doerschug, Bill Emerson, Laura Green, Marc Janssen, Sandy Kacena, Drew Mounce, Heidi Pierce, Francine Rath, Katharine Senn, Kristen Taylor, Martha Terry, Deborah Wagner, Jon Welch, Denise Zumbach

**1. Welcome and Introductions:** *Chris Blaumueller* called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Introductions were made. Chris asked for a volunteer to take minutes. Mandi Bozarth volunteered.

**2.   Approval of March Agenda:** *Francine Rath*moved to approve the March agenda. *Marc Janssen* seconded the motion. The motion was carried by the majority.

**3.    Review of and Approval of February Minutes:** *Bill Emerson* moved to approve the February minutes.  *Marc Janssen* seconded the motion. The motion was carried by the majority.

**4.     President’s Report: Christine Blaumueller:** Chris shared that a second donation request letter in email form was sent to all directors in February to be sent to families. The district music coordinator will remind directors to send the email.

**5. Vice President’s Report: Katharine Senn:** Katharine shared a list of potential corporate donors and asked for people to sign up to make contact with them. She also shared letters and language to be used in donor contact. She said that taking a personal approach would be helpful as she has already reached out to them. She said to make sure they know that they will get their name and logo on the website.

Katharine confirmed that Liberty High will host an Iowa City Music Auxiliary advocacy concert on Friday, May 3rd, at 7 pm. The fundraiser will include a bake sale, performances, and tours of the high school. Annie Savage is our point person at Liberty. Volunteers are needed to organize ticket sales on Eventbrite, organize school tours, organize the bake sale, support social media, help with graphic design, organize the volunteers, and make a slideshow of the various ensembles. We are also still looking for performers. Contact a board member if you would like to perform. We are looking for vocalists, instrumentalists, teachers, parents, community members, or others.

**6. Treasurer’s Report: Francine Rath:** Please look at financial report for details. Francine shared that the Auxiliary has received some bills from last year from ICCSD. These total approximately $2,000. She also estimates that we will go over the budgeted amount for transportation this year. Given those expenses, she shared that we need an additional $5,000 to cover costs for this year. Our goal is to raise $30,000 so we have more than enough money to start next year. Jon Welch intends to share the message that we need to be in the black at the end of the year with all music directors.

Francine shared that we were under the projected/budgeted amount to be raised for the car wash. The day of the car wash was rainy which cut into the amount raised.

She also shared that she expects we will get money back from All-State due to students paying a portion.

The Auxiliary discussed that there has been a very strong response rate to the second letter that was sent out by the directors as emails. District Music Coordinator Jon Welch intends to let directors know that this has been successful and make sure that every director sends these emails. He will also offer that they could send it again with a note that many people have responded and we want to remind them of the opportunity to support our students.

**7. Secretary’s Report: Mona Parekh:** Mona was unable to attend the meeting. She asked all representatives to share directors’ reports via the Google Form she emailed.

**8. Information Officer Report: Bill Emerson:** Bill shared that he has continued to work on Salesforce Online with Maureen Young who will take over for him.

Bill also shared mock-ups of the donor list for the concert insert. He shared that they currently have business names, but not logos to include in the inserts. The Auxiliary decided to include the language “Donations as of ??(date)” and the ICM header. The Auxiliary also decided to include a donation form. The inserts will not be stuffed into programs, but there will be stacks of them available. We will have 1,500 printed and divide those between the three high schools. There will tentatively be another printing in May. As people are soliciting donations they should tell potential donors that if they get their donations in by April 12 they can have their name printed in the insert. Business logos will be included online, but not in the insert.

**9.   District Performing Music Coordinator’s Report: Jon Welch:** Jon shared that he is focused on getting the letter campaign sent by all directors. He is also sharing information about the car wash with the directors.

He shared that this is an important time for the Music Auxiliary to advocate for the importance of music. Three directors have taken retirement for the end of this year (NWJH Band, SEJH Choir, and an Eastside Elementary Band); there is a possibility that they will not be replaced due to the budget issues. He said that last year they had added a 1.0 FTE in elementary strings and a 1.0 FTE in elementary band; he does not want to lose the numbers of directors. He encouraged Music Auxiliary members to advocate by writing to the school board or speaking at a meeting and to encourage others to do the same.

**10. Past President’s Report: Deborah Wagner:** Deb shared that she will attend a Foundation meeting on Thursday.

**11. Old Business: Officer Nominations:** Chris shared that the Executive Board needs a Vice President for next year. It is a three year commitment because the VP becomes the President after one year and then the Past President for one year. The new VP needs to come from the West High feeder area. We are also looking for a Secretary for next year. She asked anyone interested to please contact a member of the board. Chris has convened a Nominating/Searching Committee; it’s members are Katie Senn, Jon Welch, Francine Roth, and Deborah Wagner.

**ICMA Spring Car Wash:** Chris shared that the date for the new car wash is set for April 27. There will be no pledges; funds will be raised through donations at the car wash sites. Mark Madden will bring the signs that go to schools to the April meeting for people to take and set up. These signs will then be moved to the car wash sites on the day of the event. The car wash is on the Facebook page; Chris will also post a link to the sign-up genius on Facebook. ([Facebook event](https://www.facebook.com/events/2012736575515350/))

We are still looking for an Equipment Chairperson. We are also looking for Chairs for the north side and west side. We are looking for a money collector for the north side. Francine Roth volunteered to collect money for the west side, Marc Janssen volunteered to collect money for the east side.

Chris is sending Sign-Up Genuis’ for each side (east, west, north), so that each has a separate sign-up. Jon Welch will share these with the directors for them to send to families. Chris will also get it onto PeachJar. Students will also be able to sign up using the Sign-Up Genius. We are also making maps of each site: Janis Deyak will make a map for the west side; Deborah Wagner will make a map for Liberty; we still need a volunteer to make a map for the east side.

Members asked if directors could ask students to make signs to advertise the car wash and include what the donations are used for on the signs. These signs would be used to wave on the sidewalk during the car wash. They could use AFT time and students could get volunteer hours for doing it. The Auxiliary can provide sign making materials to each school.

The Auxiliary is also crafting thank you slips to hand to cars as they leave. These will provide information about how the donations are used and provide directions for donating online.

The Auxiliary will consider using Square to take credit card donations in the Fall of 2019.

**12. New Business:** Martha Terry shared that if anyone would like to contact all the School Board members through one email they should use the address [board@iowacityschools.org](mailto:board@iowacityschools.org).

**13. Director’s Report:**

City High Band **(Myron McReynolds):**

City High Choir **(Tyler Hagy):** Greetings from the Eastside! The City High choir department just returned from a very successful and enjoyable trip to New York City. We saw a couple Broadway shows, The Band's Visit, Anastasia, School of Rock, the 9/11 Museum and Memorial, the Top of the Rockefeller Center, Times Square, and many other sights.  
  
Our next concert is next Wednesday, April 3rd, at St. Mary's Church. This annual Cathedral Concert is a favorite of our community and we hope you'll join us for this time of song! As we look forward into April, we have our solo/ensemble contest on April 23, show choir auditions on the horizon, and lots of music to make!  
  
Yours musically,  
Tyler Hagy

City High Orchestra **(Megan Stucky):** The City High Orchestras just finished their 38th annual Dessert Concert. The crowd was enthusiastic and appreciative of the evening. The student committee in charge of the event did an excellent job! Now we are shifting gears to focus on our last classical concert of the year to be held on May 22nd. There are also 25 musicians in the pit this year for Les Mis and we are all working very hard in preparation for our performances in April.

Liberty High Band **(Ryan Arp):** Big things   
-wrapped up Jazz Band -got 3rd place at SEIBA in the 2nd Band Class - very very cool!  
-had an excellent post-poned Jazz Cafe on Saturday March 9 with North Central, great turnout and bands sounded great in our commons  
-Kansas City trip coming up in April, very excited for our first travel opportunity   
-musical -Legally Blonde is April 11, 12, 13  
-band concert May 1  
-State Large Group is May 4  
-Solo and Ensemble May 14-15 at Liberty - hosting our own  
-5 home football games next year for Liberty

Liberty High Choir **(Caitlyn Hanson):**

Liberty High Orchestra **(Annie Savage):** The Liberty Orchestras have had a great run of shows this spring and will be presenting a String Theory performance this Saturday at the Mill in Iowa City from 7-8pm. We are also hosting two big fundraisers:  
  
One- a school wide talent show for the benefit of our Adaptive Music students on April 26 and Two- a fundraiser for the Music Auxiliary organized by Katie Senn and Annie Savage in order to raise more funds for the Auxiliary on May 3 in the Liberty Auditorium!   
  
Stay tuned for more Liberty Orchestra Events:   
  
This Thursday, we welcome Evie Ladin and her old time band in our classes at school  
April 23 we host the Harlem Symphony Chamber Players at Liberty for an all school assembly  
May 4 we will open the IC Farmer's Market with a rousing set of fiddle music   
May 7 is our Spring Concert and Awards  
May 11-12 we head to Kansas City for their World of Fun Orchestra Invitational   
May 24 we play the Friday Night Concert Series   
  
VIVA LA MUSICA!   
  
Annie Savage, PhD Student (University of Iowa)

West High Band **(Rob Medd/Rich Medd):** Music Auxiliary Report 3-25-19  
West High Bands  
   
SEIBA Jazz Festival Success!  
Thanks to many WHS band parents and students who helped host the Southeast Iowa Bandmasters Association Jazz Festival on Saturday, March 2nd, not only were we able to successfully host 65 jazz bands, but all three West High Jazz Bands gave outstanding performances. The Jazz Ensemble was awarded 1st place in class 4A, and the Symphonic Jazz Band earned 1st place in the Large School Second Band class. The 1st place finish qualified the Jazz Ensemble for the Iowa Jazz Championships for the 24th consecutive year!  
   
Students Selected for the All-State Jazz Band  
Congratulations to the following students selected to the Iowa All-State Jazz Band: Ethan Buck â€“ Alto Sax, Nick Stilwell â€“ Bari Sax, Ty Waters â€“ Trombone, Jake Greenlee â€“ Trombone, James Mons â€“ Trumpet, Thomas Duong - Vibes. This is the largest number of students selected from one high school, nearly a third of the band.  
   
Chamber Ensemble Concert on Thursday, March 28th  
The West High Wind Ensemble and the Symphonic Band will present their annual Chamber Ensemble concert on Thursday, March 28th at 7:30pm in the North Band room. Members of the two bands are divided into woodwind choirs, brass choirs, and percussion ensembles to perform for this concert.  
   
Iowa Jazz Championships, Tuesday, April 2, 2019  
The WHS Jazz Ensemble will perform at the Iowa Jazz Championships at C.Y. Stevens Auditorium, in Ames, on Tuesday, April 2nd. The band performs at 12:15pm. Parents are welcome to attend!  
   
IHSMA State Solo & Ensemble Festival, April 6th  
The IHSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival will be held at Linn-Mar High School on Saturday, April 6th. We have over 40 solos, duets, and trios registered to perform.  
   
Florida Trip Information  
Final preparations for the WHS Trojan Marching Band Florida Tour are underway. The Trojan Marching Band will perform in a parade at Walt Disneyâ€™s Magic Kingdom Wednesday, April 24th and also in a parade at Universal Studios on Thursday, April 25th. The students will have the opportunity to experience backstage at both parks, as well as enjoying Disneyâ€™s Epcot, Animal Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, and Universalâ€™s Islands of Adventure. A parent information meeting will be held on Thursday, April 4th, at 7:00pm in the North Band Room.

West High Choir **(David Haas, Luigi Enriquez):** With show choir season finished, and the presentation of Sweeney Todd this April, West High School Choirs has had a very laid back March! Six students represented West at the return of the ECICDA 9-12 Honor Choir at Calmus-Wheatland High School. Concert Choir and West Singers are now in preparation for their Chicago/Milwaukee tour in May! The whole program is also in full preparation for our Spring Concert and our in-house Solo and Ensemble festival in May!

Coming up, our Spring Concert is May 7th at 7:30PM - we hope you can join us.

West High Orchestra **(Jon Welch):**

South East Junior High Band **(Mike Kowbel):** March Update SEJH Band: Not much new to report. We had a very successful concert at the end of February. The kids played super well. We scheduled another jazz concert for spring on April 23. Bill had stopped that in prior years, but I felt it would be a good chance to keep building on what the kids learned this year. SEJH will participate in the ICCSD Junior High Band Festival on April 9. We’re looking forward to playing in Voxman and hearing other groups from around the city! Our final band concert for the year will be on May 16

South East Junior High Choir (**Teri Finger**):

South East Junior High Orchestra **(Lisa Schrock):** The 8th grade orchestra will be performing at several elementary schools on Friday, March 29th. They will also be going on their annual Chicago Symphony Trip on Friday, April 19th. Both orchestras are busy working on music for the May concert.

North Central Junior High Band: ( **Jane Triplett, Kevin Brown**): March Music Auxiliary Report  
  
We are happy to report from the NWJH Bands that 11 students will perform with the Coe College Honor Bands under the direction of guest conductor/composer, Brian Balmages. They will rehearse on April 7 and 14 and perform the afternoon of April 14. Congratulations on this wonderful opportunity!  
  
Unfortunately, the Kennedy Five Seasons Honor Band will not take place this year due to snow day rescheduling, etcâ€¦   
  
Congratulations to Mr. Brown and the NWJH 7th Jazz Band and 8th grade Jazz Band for wonderful performances on February 26 as well as their participation in the SEIBA Jazz Festival on Saturday, March 2 The 8th grade Jazz Band had an amazing 1st place finish and the 7th grade Jazz Band placed 5th. Even more exciting is the invitation of the NWJH 8th Grade Jazz Band to perform at the Iowa Bandmasters Conference on Thursday, May 9. This is one of the top honors in the state as the selection committee only chooses one junior high jazz band! Congratulations!  
  
The JH Concert Band Festival is Tuesday, April 9. NCJH, SEJH and NWJH bands will perform in the new University of Iowa Voxman music building and get clinics by Professor Eric Bush, University of IA Hawkeye Marching Band director, along with 3 or 4 of his graduate conducting students.   
  
As always, thank you for all your support through the Iowa City Music Auxiliary!  
  
  
  
Submitted by Jane Triplett

North Central Junior High Choir **(Diane Thayer):**

North Central Junior High Orchestra **(Mark Awad – Van Allen, Penn, NCJH):** Nothing much to report except that our much-pushed-back, rescheduled concert in the gym came off well (at least I think it did!) and that I'm proud of the work the kids did. Getting everyone into the swing of things after Spring Break will involve overcoming some inertia, but we can do it!   
  
Kennedy Honors went well -- very proud of the North Central kids involved -- some were repeat attendees, but for some it was a first time (and a big deal)!  
-MA

North West Junior High Band **(Jane E. Triplett ):**

North West Junior High Choir

North West Junior High Orchestra **(Kathryn Swinbank - NWJH):**

East Elementary Band **(Kathy Smith – *Shimek, Lucas, Wood)*:**

East Elementary Band **(Ashley Atkinson – Lincoln, Longfellow, Mann)**:

East Elementary Orchestra **(Austin Jacobs – Hills, Mann, Lemme, Longfellow, Alexander, Hoover):** Music Auxiliary Board Members,  
  
The east side elementary orchestra had our first concert a month ago tomorrow. Despite the many snow days that robbed us of a great deal of rehearsal time, this concert ran smoothly and the students gave successful performances. We are now in preparation for our second concert, which will be Monday, May 20th, with our annual school tour to follow on Wednesday, May 22nd. The itinerary on this tour includes performances at Hoover, Shimek, Lincoln, and Mann, as well as a rehearsal observation of the City High orchestras on--what happens to be--their final concert day.   
  
This is all I have to report at this time. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the ICCSD performance music programs.   
  
Sincerely,  
Austin Jacobs

West Elementary Band **(Lee Rabe – Horn, Weber, Hills**): Westside Elementary report:

Right before spring break, I held a solo performance night that included 44 kids from 5 schools playing for a judge with piano accompaniment. The number of kids participating this year was significantly lower due to a strong flu season and the large number of missed school days in February - but the ones that prevailed performed well!

We're now in honor band season. I happy to report that  20 of my students  have been accepted to one of two honor bands and there are many more through the district.

We have 5 rehearsals left until our spring concert. There is plenty to work on in the next two months.

West Elementary Orchestra ( **Kathleen Marston**) : The West Elementary Orchestras combined with Northwest Junior High to have our first concert of the year in February! It was exciting to hear each ensemble perform, but it is also exciting to be able to spend more time preparing new music for our May concert and the upcoming Advanced Orchestra spring tour.

**14. Next Meeting:** April 22, 2019

**15.** **Adjournment:** *Janis Deyak* moved to adjourn the meeting and *Denise Zumbach* seconded the motion. No discussion occurred. The motion was carried by the majority.

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY THE MANDI BOZARTH. MINUTES SUBMITTED ON: 04/22/2019

By Mandi Bozarth