IOWA CITY MUSIC AUXILIARY

*Board Meeting*

September 24, 2018

7:00 p.m.

ICCSD Board Room

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY SECRETARY

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 Present: 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 Welsh

Representatives and Directors Present: Chris Blaumueller, Katie Senn, Deborah Wagner, Francine Rath, Bill Emerson, Jon Welsh, Mona Parekh, Kathryn Langguth Swinbank, Mark Madden, Ana Moncado, Jamie Bagan, Lori Doerschug, Janis Deyak, Martha Terry, Sandy Kacena, Mandi Bozarth, Karen Charney, Jeff Charis-Carlson, Drew Mounce, Mark Janssen, Laura Green

**1. Welcome and Introductions:** *Chris Blaumueller* led the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Introductions were made.

**2.   Approval of September 24, 2018 Agenda and June’s minutes:** *­­­­­Francine Rath* moved to approve the September agenda. *Mona Parekh* seconded the motion. The motion was carried by the majority. *Bill Emerson* moved to approve the June minutes. *Janis Deyak* seconded the motion. The motion was carried by the majority.

**3.    Review of and Approval of Minutes from August 2018 Meetings:** *Bill Emerson* moved to approve the August minutes. *Karen Charney* seconded the motion. The motion was carried by the majority.

**4.     Car Wash (Old Business): Guest: Mark Madden, Car Wash Equipment Specialist:** Katie Senn has secured Central Bank. Please check the Sign Up Genius regarding Parent Supervision. We recommend 2 site chairs for every car wash. It is nice to have a partner so as not to burden one person with all activities. It’s also nice to be able to take turns for a quick lunch break. Tire brushes do not get used, please use soap and sponges. An adult MUST be in charge of the soap. This soap is concentrated and we do not want it wasted. Please take a Car Wash sign and place it visibly at schools. And in your neighborhood where people can see it, be sure to follow school and town rules. Please pick up the signs after the Car Wash and no later than Sunday. Please bring back signs to the October 22, 2018 meeting. Deb Wagner will contact UICCU (NL) for the water key. Talk about keeping data about how many cars came through and the times. This data could be helpful for future Car Washes and provide information about how long we should keep the Car wash running and which sites are more profitable. Site Chairs can bring this Tally Sheet to keep data when they report to their respective sites. Chris will send out telephone numbers to all Site Chairs. Thank you to Mark Madden for coming to today’s meeting.

**5.     President’s Report: Christine Blaumueller:** Chris asked if parent reps saw the Car Wash Flyer at the Back to School Night. Chris was asking because was it worthwhile to do this in the future. Most parents replied “no”, the flyers were in the cafeteria. Francine says the best place to have them is during registration day. Parents can pick the Car Wash Flyer while they are standing in line. The Music Auxiliary have to agree on logistics, places and date early to have information updated and printed. On another note, we received a $1000 donation from the Free Mason Brother Organization. A thank you card will be sent, if everyone could sign it, Chris will send this out. It will be addressed to the Masonic Brothers.

**6. Vice President’s Report: Katharine Senn:** Katie has the opportunity to see the recruitment events in Iowa City. Katie attended the Orchestra Recruitment Night, where families come in and learn about the orchestra, instruments, and have an opportunity to register. This is also for the band program. The Band Director’s all conveyed the same message and promoted the Car Wash Fundraiser. Bill Emerson and Katie have been partnering and revamping the website. Features information about the Car Wash, mailing list for a Newsletter and can “Subscribe and Unsubscribe”. Katie asked for suggestions? A few people suggested: Concert dates (times, places) should be posted, Officers should be listed on the website. On another note, we have a Facebook page. Please like the page and promote/share the Car Wash and invite people to volunteer for the event. On another item Katie is working on is a Corporate Sponsor Call to Action, for corporations to donate and sponsor our Music Auxiliary at different monetary levels. Corporations would need to express interest in donating before the deadline of Nov 1. Car Wash pictures are requested, please send photos to: content@iowacitymusicauxiliary.org Lastly, Katie is part of an organization Any Given Child which works with the ICCSD to bring the arts to K-8 programming. They are bussing every 4th grader Symphony in the School at the Voxman and will perform twice for our students.

**7.   Treasurer’s Report: Francine Rath:** Our bank balance right now is $6280.00; we have over $1000 sitting in the Foundation. We also have some bills to pay, and we are $4600 in the red. We have an official post office box, so mail does not route to Francine’s home. We have the approval to send letters to the parents, and Francine has a line on getting information for the families of secondary students, which would mean an up-to-date list of addresses of list of current students.

**8. Secretary’s Report: Mona Parekh:** Mona asks that when you sign in you indicate which schools and director(s) you are representing. Mona indicated that a better list in necessary to be able to update the Director’s reports in the Music Auxiliary minutes. Mona intends to work on a Google Form to collect director’s reports in one place and have it running for the next meeting. This will help as some reports are accidently left out because of email discrepancies. Jon Welch is going to send Mona a comprehensive list. He indicated that programs and directors have changed. All present indicated that it was a good idea.

**9. Information Officer Report: Bill Emerson:** He andKatie are working on thewebsite together. If Bill pulls a list of all the people in the current database who have given in the past two years, it gives 961 households. Last year we sent out a letter September 12, 2017 and generated $38,000. We could generate the same 961 household(s) and stuff envelopes and send out quickly. Chris agrees that it is worthwhile. Francine added that we could cross reference to the updated list she will receive in the future. Bill said we could have a stuffing party, and donators will have to provide stamp to send in their donation. Bill will send out the draft to the board members to sign up. The idea is to get this out in about 10 days.

**10.   District Performing Music Coordinator’s Report: Jon Welch:** We have 34 staff members, of whom 7 are new staff members, and a lot of them are brand new first year teachers. We are excited for the Car Wash Fundraising. We are looking at All State, Concert season, and Show Choir. Also October 19 is the Homecoming Parade.

**11. Past President’s Report: Deborah Wagner:** Deb does not have a lot to note. Deb attends the Foundation Meeting and she will advertise and speak of the Car Wash.

**12. New Business: Ticket taking procedure/duties of an ICMA representative:** Ticket taking procedure was discussed. If you receive more money and the people do not want the change, please put money in the Music Auxiliary Box. The money then should be put in the Music Auxiliary envelope and placed back into the cash box. A handout was passed to everyone. Please read the Ticket Taking Procedure document.

**13. Director’s Report:**

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

City High Choir **(Tyler Hagy):** Greetings from the East Side! For those of you that don’t know me, my name is Tyler Hagy and I am the new choir director at City High. I look forward to meeting you over the coming months. I wanted to offer a brief biography of myself and an update on the choral activities happening at City.

I am from Muscatine originally and went to Luther College for my undergraduate education. I taught in Wales and the United Arab Emirates before attending the University of Cambridge for a master’s degree in Choral Conducting. I attained a second master’s degree in Choral Conducting from the University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music. I taught at Linn-Mar High School last year and am very excited to be joining the Iowa City community!

Things are in full swing here at City High! We have our first choir concert at City on Oct. 3 and the University of Iowa Choral Collage on Oct. 10. We are also in the midst of All-State preparations, sending 22 choral students to audition on Oct. 20. We had one student audition for the 9th grade OPUS honor choir, as well.

Our show choirs are also looking toward our first outing at the Works in Progress show on Oct. 29. Charisma, our prep show choir, is finishing up their choreography camp tonight, with the past 4 days being devoted to learning all the choreography for their show. 4th Ave. Jazz had their choreography camp at the end of July/beginning of August, so we have spent the last several weeks putting our singing and dancing together.

We look forward to sharing these events with you as we move forward in the year! Tyler Hagy

City High Orchestra **(Megan Stucky):** The City High Orchestras are in full swing! Last weekend we had several students participate in the 2018 Midwest Violin Caucus at the University of Northern Iowa and other students who attended the Coe College All-State Clinic. Next week (weather permitting) the orchestras will be marching in the City High Homecoming Parade which we are looking forward to. The first concert of the year is November 8th with SEJH at 7:30pm in Opstad Auditorium.

Liberty High Band **(Ryan Arp):** It's Homecoming Week at Liberty High School! Lots of great opportunities for the Lightning Marching Band to perform for our community. First opportunity is at our Homecoming parade which is Wednesday night at 6:15pm starting at Liberty HS and traveling up around the neighborhoods near the school and back ending with a pep rally. The North Central Junior High 8th Graders will be joining us for a rehearsal on Thursday morning prior to performing with the Liberty Band at our Homecoming football game on Friday night against North Scott. (fun fact: Liberty Band director Ryan Arp and West High Band Director Rob Medd are both North Scott alumni (Rob is much older). We of course then have the Music Auxiliary Car Wash on Saturday - thank you Music Auxiliary for all of your support over the years - look forward to another good car wash. Saturday also happens to be the same date as our Liberty Homecoming Dance so a lot of the High School students elected to work the earlier shifts for the car wash.

At Liberty, we have had a great experience in our first season of marching band. All shoes, gloves, and uniforms arrived in time for everyone to look GREAT for our first game. The uniforms are just excellent - thank you to the parents for getting everything organized. The stadium was completed in time for the first game and has been an excellent place to have our rehearsals. Last week they poured the material for the track and with the rain and cure time, the band hopes to be back out on the field on Wednesday for rehearsal. With so much  construction, seeing flexibility on all ends, I've been very pleased with how students and community has responded.

Liberty Band, Orchestra, and Choir students have already completed a Cookie Dough and magazine fundraiser to raise money towards their trip to Orlando in the Spring of 2020.

In addition to marching band, materials for jazz band auditions have been distributed to students auditions will be held all-day on  October 10th . Liberty also has many young-talented musicians trying out for All-State on Saturday October 20th in Washington, Iowa.

Something new this year at Liberty Band is the creation of a student leadership team. This small group of students applied to be part of this team and meet weekly with Mr. Arp to discuss and select an "outstanding achievement" award that meet the goals and qualities of the Liberty Band. There is a much stronger connection between the school and the students in year two at Liberty- the year has truly been going great!

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

Liberty High Orchestra **(Andrea Savage):** Last week got off to a great start with String Theory's incredible performance at the Iowa City Fiddler's Picnic, followed up by a visit from our low strings expert, Rich Wagor, bassist with Orchestra Iowa and many other bands and projects across the state.

Ms. Savage is also encouraging all students and parents to participate with the Car Wash.

Saturday, September 22nd String Theory performed at Uptown Bill's with local bluegrass band Dillon's Furrow.

October 16th is the 1st Orchestra Concert of the year

Liberty has been selected to attend the Wintergrass Festival in Seattle, WA. We will be supporting this trip with gigs but students will be encouraged- not required to attend. Check out the festival…this is a very big deal! [http://wintergrass.com](http://wintergrass.com/)

West High Band **(Rob Medd/Rich Medd):** The Trojan Marching Band gave their third performance of the season at last Friday’s home game. The Northwest 8th Grade Band joined the Trojan Marching Band to perform the hit “Feel it Still.” The combined bands numbered almost 350 students and had the capacity crowd on their feet.

The Trojan Marching Band’s next performance will be Friday, October 12th at the at the home game against Muscatine.

Auditions are this week for the West High Jazz Bands. At least three full big bands will be assembled involving over 80 students and will start rehearsals in two weeks. The first performance of the jazz bands will be at the December 15th Jazz Café.

45 West High band students auditioned to participate in the All-State auditions that will be held October 20th, at Washington High School, in Washington, IA. The Iowa High School Music Association only allows each school to register 30 students, so the local auditions were held to select the 30 most prepared students.

The West Band students are gearing up for the MA Car Wash on Saturday. Information about the car wash, the signupgenius volunteer link, and pledge sheets have been emailed to parents. Students were given a complete run down of everything the Music Auxiliary pays for and what an impact it has on our program. Hard copies of the pledge sheets have been given to every student and nearly all of the slots are filled for students to wash cars at the UICCU Mormon Trek site.

West High Choir **(David Haas, Luigi Enriquez):** The Iowa City West Choirs have been in full swing since August of this year! We had a great time welcoming many new and returning members to Showtime Show Choir for their choreography camp and potluck in early August. Shortly after, we held our region wide All State camp alongside City, Liberty, and Regina students. The process is now underway and the kids are working extremely hard for their audition on October 20th.

The curricular choirs are also in full swing in preparation for their concerts in October! All of Iowa City West's Choir will be performing in their fall "Unity" Concert on October 4 in Arganbright Auditorium. The concert is at 7:30 and will be live-streamed for people that cannot attend. Concert Choir and West Singers will also be performing a joint concert with City, Liberty, and the University of Iowa at the Voxman Recital Hall in downtown Iowa City. The concert will be at 7:30 on October 10th.

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

South East Junior High Band

South East Junior High Choir

South East Junior High Orchestra **(Lisa Schrock):** The South East Orchestras are off to a great start! Our first concert will be November 8th with the City High Orchestras. In August, the South East Orchestras had their first ever Summer Orchestra Camp. 36 Orchestra students from 7th & 8th grader participating in the 2-day camp and 6 City High Orchestra members helped out as section leaders. At the end of the 2nd day, the orchestra performed a short concert for family & friends.

North Central Junior High Band

North Central Junior High Choir

North Central Junior High Orchestra **(Mark Awad – Van Allen, Penn, NCJH):**

Here is the news from North Liberty:

This year, with the program growing, Hannah Yang took over lessons at Garner Elementary.  All indications point to her being a fun and capable teacher, and, while I'll miss teaching lessons at Garner, I am confident that the kids will enjoy their lessons with her and learn lots!  (I will still see the Garner kids in after-school orchestra on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.)

Elementary lessons are underway this week with after-school practices soon to come -- I'm looking forward to seeing how the 5th and 6th grade groups shape up!  Some 5th graders worked on Dragonhunter (a popular tune among the 6th graders last year) over the summer as a special challenge project.

7th and 8th grade students at North Central, after reviewing fundamentals (basic scales, class procedures, playing position, simple reading) and some elementary tunes for the first few weeks, have received the first of their concert tunes.  7th graders are working on slurs and syncopated rhythms, 8th graders on flats and crunchy chords with diminished 5ths.

That's all for now!  Thank you all for all of your work and your support of our programs.

North West Junior High Band

North West Junior High Choir

North West Junior High Orchestra **(Kathryn Swinbank - NWJH):** Rehearsals are underway for the first concert; paired with the WHS Orchestra on October 30th.

The NWJH 8th Grade Orchestra Trip has been planned for Friday, April 12th.

East Elementary Band **(Kathy Smith – *Shimek, Lucas, Wood)*:** The East side advanced band will meet for the first time on Wednesday, September 26th. I’m excited to “get going”.

Now I begin my annual crusade to try to get all students to attend the after school band rehearsals. Transportation is always a problem for some students.

Lessons are going well. Many students are showing me practice records and really practicing nearly every day of the week! ☺ Thank you for all of your support! Katherine Smith

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

East Elementary Orchestra

West Elementary Band **(Amber Orline – Penn, Van Allen):**

West Elementary Band

West Elementary Band **(Kevin Brown – Coralville Central, NWJH):**

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

* I had a good recruiting season and I am happy to be teaching lessons regularly now. All of the 5th grade have at least 1 lesson under their belt, can put the instrument together and can play a few first notes.
* I'd like to introduce our new elementary band staff: Sarah Rheaume (Wickham, Borlaug, Alexander), Nicholas Carlo (Kirkwood, Garner). Both have been excellent additions to our staff!
* Looking forward to washing some cars. Let's hope for good weather

West Elementary Orchestra

 **13. Next Meeting:** October 22, 2018

**14.** **Adjournment:** *Francine Rath* moved to adjourn the meeting and *Bill Emerson* seconded the motion. No discussion occurred. The motion was carried by the majority.

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY. MINUTES SUBMITTED ON: 10/17/18

 By *Mona Parekh*