

PIONEER BAND ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

September 12, 2006

ATTENDANCE: In attendance: David Leach, Nancy Waring, Gail Stout, Denise Johnson, Meena Khankari, David Wallner, Chris Campbell, Myron Campbell, Kathy Toy –Nao, Jeff Bower, Jayne Bower, Chuck Shipan, Brian Fowlkes, Lisa Saulles’ Susan Stearns, Nina Yamakado, Eduardo Matsuo, Nora Schankin, Joe DeMarsh, Jaehwan Choi, Mark Hsu, Charlotte Hsu, Cheryl White, Bill Maier, Don Barry, Mohammad Hassani, Nooshin Sobhan, Barton Polot, Karen Field, Paul Bush, Mary Bush, Sharon VanRiper, Marv Wagner, Gloria Wilson, Karen Smith-Krass, Ann Novak, Jean Wedemeyer, Renae Rosencrans, Corinne Nair, Dorothy Dupuy, Peggy Burns, Denise Held, Salley Brieloff, Susan Washebaugh, Jonathan Sugar, Holli Bertram, Lisa McKarns, Mary Teeter, Sue Johnson, Anne Bednar

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm, PBA President Gail Stout presiding.

Presidents Report:

Gail Stout greeted the parents and thanked all the volunteers involved in uniform distribution, band escort, and band picnic. Gail also explained what the organization does and how dependant it is upon volunteers and funding to support scholarships, music purchases, instrument repair, tours, and parties. Gail reminded everyone of the benefits of the PBA Web site for Band related information. Gail asked if anyone had a digital recording of the Band Camp concert to please let her know.

Homecoming: Homecoming is October 20th. The PBA will once again try to get the alumni together to help celebrate the event.

New Officers: Gail asked anyone interested in being a PBA officer next year to step forward. Gail will no longer have a child at Pioneer and will be stepping down.

Centennial Project: In the absence of Daryl Hurst, Gail explained the Centennial Project.

Albritton Gift: Gail announced a surprise \$5,000 donation was being made by the Buhr Foundation to the Robert Albritton Scholarship Endowment Fund. This would allow for more scholarships.

Treasurer’s Report:

Meena Khankari presented the balance sheet, income statement and budget for the new school year. Gail asked for approval, Dorothy Dupuy approved and it was seconded.

Secretary’s Report:

Minutes were approved.

Directors Reports:

Nancy Waring introduced herself as the **Associate Director of the Pioneer Bands**. She stated she has worked with all the bands and will get to know all the students. She requested e-mails if there are any concerns. Ms. Waring said this year the Varsity Band is the largest ever and the students have great attitudes. During the first two weeks Ms. Waring had the Varsity Band practice marching so that the students could realize that marching is actually fun. She stated she is very much looking forward to the school year.

David Leach, Director of the Pioneer Bands, stated how important the Pioneer Band Association is to the success of the program. He said that Band Camp was very successful. The students have already started game marching practice with all the music arranged and charted by the students. Music for Symphony and Concert would be delivered during the next two weeks. Chair auditions would take place in late October and early November for Concert and Symphony. Mr. Leach explained he is not a particular fan of chair placement. He has the students play in front of the class only to help the student. Jazz Band will be playing with Paul Kellor. Mr. Leach asked parents to watch the Web site and to please

e-mail with any concerns. He explained he has an open door policy with his classroom; he welcomes visits, and reminded parents to encourage their children to practice. Mr. Leach asked for volunteers to help put together a school board presentation. He was especially interested in parents of students who have visited Austria and who could explain what it meant to their child and what the music program specifically means to their child. He also asked if anyone knew of any group in the community in need of a small group to play to please let him know. Mr. Leach presented highlights of the Austria Tour.

Committee Reports:

PBA Clothing: Anne Bodnar asked if anyone was interested in purchasing band apparel to please have the order in by September 18. Students will be able to pickup the order in the band room.

Band Registration: Gail Stout requested volunteers to help with next year's band registration. Please contact Gail if interested.

Band Room Renovations: Denise Johnson gave highlights of the history or the band room restoration.

Marching Band Escorts: Jean Wedemeyer expressed gratitude to all the parents who have volunteered to help with escort. She explained that not as many escorts would be needed this year.

PBA Notes: Gail Stout needs someone to take over putting the Notes together every month. It would require approximately three hours per month. Please contact Gail if you are interested.

Senior Activities: Jean Wedemeyer asked that forms for the Omega ad be turned in quickly. October 6th is senior recognition at the football game. Directions will be forthcoming.

Uniform Team: Corinne Nair thanked everyone who helped with uniforms. The team is in the process of examining the possibility of buying new uniforms. More volunteers are needed to help with Concert uniforms.

Potbelly Fundraiser: Karen Field explained the Potbelly fundraiser and stated that 50% of all sales would be given to the PBA.

Candy Sale: Mr. Leach gave information concerning the annual candy sale.

Car Wash: David Wallner, chair of the Car Wash Fundraiser explained that 90% of the revenue generated by the car wash was pledge driven and therefore it was very important that the students actively work on the pledge sheet. He further explained that the 90% was generated by only 50% of the students. To make the fundraiser even more successful it would be necessary to increase participation. He asked the following: 1) sign up to help, 2) encourage kids to get pledges, and finally, 3) to encourage your child to encourage other children.

PTSO Thrift Shop: Denise Held explained the functioning of the Thrift Shop and stated everyone is required to work four hours or donate \$40.

Gala: Karen Field announced that Gala would be held February 11th at the Four Points Sheraton. This third annual event would once again include food, entertainment and a live and silent auction. The services of a professional auctioneer would be utilized. Karen reminded everyone that now was the time to begin collecting items for the auction.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Smith-Krass

Pioneer Band Association Secretary