

Pioneer Band Association Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Present:** Gloria Wilson, Vanessa Smith, Fred Smith, Nancy Waring, David Baum, Nancy Baum, Julie Sunstein, Daryl Hurst, Mohammad Hassani, Tom Mayne, Carol Flannagan, Bill Maxbauer, Nina Yamakado, Uyen Tonnule, Diane Roulston, Lisa McKarns, Mary Topham, Cathy Berrigan, Orest Mykolenko, Steve Sullivant, Fritz Yunck, Kathy Toy-Nao, Kenneth Doll, Nair Matsuo, and Paulette Schonscheck.

The meeting took place in the staff dining room adjacent to the cafeteria, since incoming 9<sup>th</sup>-grade activities were using other rooms. Once everyone located the room, the meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM; all attendees introduced themselves.

**Band Gala & Auction – Lisa McKarns**

Lisa started the meeting with a Gala update, reporting for Chairs Janene Centurione and Ann Curtis who were meeting with students. Online ticket purchasing should now be available through the web site; also please check the site for details on delivering donations. Steve Sullivant pointed out that the new online bidding process requires a strict deadline for donations of one week before Gala. Gloria will follow up on some raffle tickets that have not yet arrived. Lisa has forms for approaching merchants.

**President’s Report – Gloria Wilson**

- The flights to China are finally set; we will travel in two separate groups. [Details on page 2]
- We have adjusted the Chicago Tour itinerary somewhat, but were only able to save \$40.

**Secretary’s Report – Fritz Yunck**

The minutes from the 12/10/09 meeting were read and approved, with corrections on the dates of the Chicago Midwest Clinic and the fact that both Directors attended.

**Treasurers’ Report – Carol Flannagan and Paulette Schonscheck**

This month’s Financial Highlights sheet contains a few selected items under Sample Expenditures to give a taste of the breadth and depth of PBA’s support:

- Marching - \$2000 – Hydration and Uniforms
- Instruments & Equipment - \$2103 - includes cleaning
- Supplemental Instruction - \$1400 – For all percussion sections, plus Varsity Band trombone
- Management & General Expenses - \$9000 including \$3000 each for bookkeeping and the Merchant Account. These expenditures enable online credit card payments and have greatly streamlined the overall process.

The year’s current fundraising level of \$18,500 compares to an expectation of closer to \$25,000, so we’ll need to keep doing small fundraisers.

Paulette discussed the upcoming Spring Hill Flowers fundraiser; PBA will receive half of total proceeds.

**Historian’s Report – Daryl Hurst**

2014 and the centennial are approaching! He will again present a “Reflections of Excellence” award during the Winter Concert. Planning continues for a Ken Burns-style video; anyone is welcome to assist.

**Webmaster’s Report – Steve Sullivant**

This is Steve’s last year, so we’ll need a new Webmaster. Ongoing upkeep of the site is not difficult or time-consuming, but there is plenty of freedom to be creative with site layout and enhancements.

**Directors’ Reports – David Leach** not present, involved with incoming 9<sup>th</sup>-grade activities.

**Nancy Waring:**

- The Midwest Clinic in Chicago was fantastic. Thank you to the PBA for their support. More than 15,000 people from 30 countries attended, including music professors and directors. New Horizons Travel, the Chicago Tour folks, had representatives attending. Nancy looked for good Picnic Pops music for Varsity Band, and became familiar with the name Taylor Swift.
- She will be attending another conference in Grand Rapids next week. It is important to find music to which students can relate, at this stage of their development.
- The Varsity, Concert, and Symphony Bands all sound great; the upcoming Winter Concert on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> should be fantastic.

**Committee Reports – Enrichment:****PBA Notes Newsletter – Kathy Toy-Nao**

The submission deadline for the next issue is Friday 02/12/10.

**Band Apparel** – There is still a huge supply!

**China Tour – Gloria**

The travel itinerary of the two groups is:

- 47 people will fly on United Airlines, departing from Detroit Metro at 8:30 AM on Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup>, via Chicago to Beijing.
- 71 people will leave Pioneer in the afternoon of Wednesday March 31<sup>st</sup>, travel by bus to Chicago, then depart at 1:00 AM on April 1<sup>st</sup> on Asiana Airlines, to Beijing with one stopover, probably in Korea.

The schedule coming home will be the same, in reverse. A daughter of the travel company representative may set up a Facebook page. Passports must go to Chicago for visa stamping, preferably returning before the start of mid-winter break when some families need them. Gloria will collect them all and personally drive there.

**Fundraising:**

**Noodles & Company** at Arborland Mall will donate 25% of all proceeds to the PBA, next Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> between 4:00 and 9:00 PM. We can bring musicians as well.

**PTO Thrift Shop – Mary Topham**

Music and Munchies is Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Musicians please sign up for spots. Once we fill that up, we'll ask for volunteers to bring snacks.

**District XII Band Festival – Nair Matsuo**

This all-day event will be on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, at Pioneer. PBA volunteers donate food and staff the concession in the cafeteria. Watch for online volunteer sign-up. Last year the cafeteria was very busy and we ran short of donated food. We will need new coordinators next year since this is the final year for Nair, Nina Yamakado, and Uyen Tonnule.

**Other Business – Ann Arbor Public Schools District Budget Meetings/Forums**

The final one of these is at Pioneer on Tuesday Jan 19<sup>th</sup>. Band parents are encouraged to attend and present our concerns. One area mentioned for possible cutting is 5<sup>th</sup>-grade music. Nancy Waring pointed out that any savings would be minimal since this only comprises 5 teaching positions, and the resulting damage, while not felt immediately, would be devastating and take years to undo.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM. The next PBA meeting will be on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Submitted by Fritz Yunck, Secretary.