

## **Pioneer Band Association Meeting Minutes**

### **Tuesday, June 5, 2012**

**Present:** David Leach, Nancy Waring, Marianne Blaesing, David Baum, Kathy Shipan, Paulette Schonsheck, Bill Maxbauer, Jan Maxbauer, Susan Mihans, Steve Mihans, Lisa McKarns,Carolynn Hayman, Amy Higgins and Marie Therese Hocott.

Meeting called to order at 7:34; all attendees introduced themselves

#### **President's Report – Marianne Blaesing**

Marianne is working on the Calendar, Registration and Band Camp.

#### **Secretary's report – Bill and Jan Maxbauer reporting**

Minutes from April 24 meeting were reviewed, and were unanimously approved with one correction to be made; adding all of the elected officers names.

#### **Treasurer's report – Paulette Schonsheck reporting**

Paulette wondered if we can invoice for the extra \$40 to cover band camp. Sue Mihans will will do this with a cover letter from Marianne reminding families what it is for and why! The board should discuss a cancellation fee. It has been \$20.00. It should be increased and should be put in Band Camp Bulletin number one. A cancellation date should be decided on and it should give enough time to fill the spot.

#### **Directors' Reports**

##### **Nancy Waring:**

- Can't believe there is one week left of school. We are getting excited about band camp, encouraging kids to go and encouraging kids to play in band. It is not too late, all you have to do is email your counselor and have them make the change. Tomorrow is the last day of playing instruments in Varsity Band.

##### **David Leach:**

- We are not recruiting for Band Camp! We have 200 already! We have 2 new instrumentalists coming into the district, one flute and one clarinet.
- Pioneer SB, SO, JB all applied to perform at the Michigan Music Conference. The Symphony Orchestra and Jazz Band were accepted. Mr. Lorenz will direct the honors choir. All departments from Pioneer will be represented! Symphony Orchestra will perform on Friday, Lorenz's honors choir will perform Saturday afternoon at DeVos Hall and JB will perform on Saturday at 3pm in the Amway Grand Ballroom. Leach has invited Rodney Whitaker to play and there will be alumni coming back as well. It is a huge honor to perform at the MMC! David will be asking PBA for some money to help with costs of taking JB to Grand Rapids for the conference. They do not stay over night, but dinner will be provided for the kids.

- There will be a consortium meeting to discuss requesting more info from the district regarding the \$60,000 cut. David Baum is involved in this meeting and will fill you in.
- The senior brunch was fabulous. The kids were totally engaged. If you have not seen the senior book, please take a look; it is amazing.
- We are preparing for Band Camp. Brian Cook is our head counselor. We will have 9 boy cabins and 6 or 7 girl cabins. Staffing is coming along great. The upcoming year will be great. The three bands look to be great! BC repertoire is Summon the Heroes by John Williams and Africa by Robert W. Smith.
- David has been approached by the Ann Arbor JC's to see if we would march in the 4th of July Parade. Leach asked the parents in attendance what we thought and the consensus was that it was not feasible.

### **Vice President Report – Kathy Shipan and David Baum reporting**

Kathy made a plea for people to step up. We are desperate for someone to head up the uniform committee. David B. reports that he will be reaching out to people who have chaired committees to see if they will do the same job next year. David B. would like to generate a list of younger band families that he can contact to fill volunteer positions. Kathy Shipan said she can help him with a list of sophomores moving up to Symphony and Concert Bands.

Regarding Band Camp, David B. reported that representatives from all of the music booster clubs from all 3 schools will meet on Tuesday with someone from the school board, probably not the Superintendent. He should have more info after that. He wants to make sure we don't pay a penny more than needed and he wants to make sure that Leach and Smith are not paid less as we switch from district to parents financial support.

Leach reminded us that Pioneer Bands have been going to Interlochen for Band Camp for 65 years. It was originally just our band. Huron Bands were added in the late 60's, then a combined Pioneer/Huron Choir, then the choirs split, then the orchestras were added and a few years ago Skyline joined the mix.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Funding - Marianne Blaesing for coffee and fall flowers**

Marianne will be talking more to the Bear Claw people soon. They have many opportunities for us. The owner is a Pi Hi alum and the graphic designer played in her high school band so they are enthusiastic. Flower power is easy and we will do again in the fall.

#### **Amy Higgins reporting for the car wash**

She challenged the kids to wash 500 cars and they washed 422. This was the third best ever! The bucket donations were also the best, double from last year at \$2400! The goal is for the kids to take ownership of this fundraiser. Amy has kids lined up to be on the committee next year; Dan Fonte, Alex Maynard, Maddy Hiller and Esther Choi. We should definitely hold the car wash on the same day next year. The E-cycle event was the

same day and this worked very well. The net for the car wash was \$3300. Thanks to Lisa and Tom McKarns for the “Car Wash Bible” and to Carolynn Hayman for the Balloon Hats.

**Lisa McKarns reporting for dining nights**

California Pizza Kitchen was more successful than Buffalo Wild Wings. Parking may be an issue. We need a Gala person and we need someone to take over dining nights. Lisa recommends maintaining an alumni data base so we can email about events like the car wash, concerts etc. Paulette’s books have old emails. The database person could take care of this.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.

Submitted by Bill and Jan Maxbauer, Co-Secretaries