PIONEER BAND ASSOCIATION MINUTES April 17, 2007

ATTENDANCE: In attendance: David Leach, Nancy Waring, Gail Stout, Meena Khankari, Karen Smith, Holli Bertram, Karen Field, John Field, Denise Held, John Held, David Wallner Ann Novak, Howie Saulles, Steve Sullivant, Susan Washabaugh, Cheryl White, Gloria Wilson, Nina Yamakado, Sally Brieloff, Chuck Shipan, Renae Rosencrans, Chris Campbell

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 volunteers involved in PBA activities.

Calendar: There is an updated calendar on the PBA Web site. The calendar is still tentative, please keep checking.

Orchestra Tour: The Orchestra Tour meeting is coming up and is mandatory. Check for the date on the Web site.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report approved.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes approved.

Centennial Project/Webmaster: Gail, reporting for Daryl Hurst, stated that the Web site is expanding. Check it out. Mr. Hurst is currently applying for grants and is seeking assistance from anyone that has grant writing experience.

Directors Reports:

Nancy Waring, Associate Director of the Pioneer Bands, stated that two nights for Bands In Review, instead of the one of the past was much better. Everyone played beautifully. Scott Boerma and Michael Haithcock were wonderful to work with and very gracious. Those performing at the Concerto Concert were some of the best and put together a great show. Mr. Leach has started auditions. He does all the auditions himself and will start the middle schools this week. Mr. Leach has also decided to travel with the Symphony Orchestra to Montreal to help with the students and work with the chaperons. Band Camp registration forms are due May 13. The form is on the Web site. Camp is required for Symphony and Concert students and some space may be available for Varsity students. Get your form in early for the few spots available to Varsity students. Band Banquet reservation deadline is coming up.

David Leach, Director of the Pioneer Bands, (coming in later after having a meeting in the Orchestra room) spoke again about auditions and traveling with Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Leach stated that Symphony Band will be smaller next year and Concert Band will get bigger. Tour planning for next year has started. One possibility is New York and Carnegie Hall.

New Business:

Percussion Equipment Purchase: A motion was made to purchase percussion equipment at approximately \$6,880. The motion was approved.

Computer/Software/Office Additions: A request was also made to purchase two computers and software for the use of the PBA president and treasurer, vertical files and cubbies in the instrument room, and a shelf for the music library. Prices will be investigated.

Committee Reports:

Band Banquet: Gail Stout, reporting for Denise Johnson, stated that Band banquet reservations have been mailed and e-mailed and are due next Thursday. The Band Banquet Committee will be meeting April 27th at 7:30 at Denise Johnson's house to work on the Banquet. Volunteers are needed.

Picnic Pops: Chris Campbell asked for volunteers to supervise the games and requested that volunteers respond with a time they can work. Ms. Campbell announced she has posters advertising the event and asked if anyone has a place they can hang one to let her know. Please e-mail emilysanter@comcast.com or mlozon@med.umich.edu if you can volunteer. There will be a volunteer tent for check-in. Get all the info on the Web site under Picnic Pops.

PBA Notes: Gail Stout, reporting for Kathy Toy-Nao, stated that articles for the PBA Notes are required by Thursday.

Committee Chairs: Gail Stout asked for volunteers to step up to lead any of the committees still missing chairpersons. She especially made a request for Gala volunteers and stated that Karen and John Field could not do Gala alone, volunteers are a necessity.

Annual Meeting:

Annual Reports: Annual reports were presented by the president, treasurer, and secretary.

07/08 Budget Report: Meena Khankari presented the current balance sheet and income statement and answered questions. The 07/08 proposed budget was presented and Gail Stout explained the increase and decreases. The budget was approved.

Election of Officers: Elections were held, the votes counted, and the following officers were elected for the 07/08 school year:

President – Gloria WilsonTreasurer – Barton PolotVice-President – Denise JohnsonSecretary – Holli Bertram

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Smith-Krass Pioneer Band Association Secretary