

## **Pioneer Band Association Meeting Minutes**

### **Tuesday, April 19, 2011**

**Present:** David Leach, Nancy Waring, Gloria Wilson, David Baum, Kathy Shipan, Paulette Schonsheck, Carol Flannagan, Bill Maxbauer, Jan Maxbauer, Carolynn Hayman, Nancy Eubanks, Lisa McKarns, Holli Bertram, Mary Teeter, Mary Relson, Gail Ferguson Stout, Robin Hess, Shayne Davidson and Marianne Blaesing.

Meeting called to order at 7:35; all attendees introduced themselves.

#### **President's Report – Gloria Wilson**

- Did receive Grammy award, David will explain. Please put May 26 on your calendar for our Grammy Concert.
- Gloria has emailed all incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders from Slauson and Tappan the "Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Grader Form". We are piloting a new program where they enter their own information in hopes of making Registration Day easier.
- PBA Newsletter deadline has been moved to April 26<sup>th</sup>. Articles go to Laretta Codrington.

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

Minutes from March 15 meeting were reviewed, and were unanimously approved without changes.

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

- Uniform committee people are needed. Robin Hess has a senior, but is willing to help with the transfer. Need a team of 3 parents for this job. There are 4 home games.
- David and Kathy will be working to fill chair positions.
- Special recognition was given to Carolynn Hayman who will be in charge of the parent bus to Interlochen on Band Camp Sunday.

#### **Directors' Reports**

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

- This is a fun time of year. Varsity Band is working extra hard. The length and difficulty of pieces they are performing for Picnic Pops is the hardest they have ever done.
- The Picnic Pops Cake Competition is coming up and a theme needs to be decided.
- Drum lines are starting up. This always begins right after David Leach announces the bands for next year. Cymbals are meeting already!

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

- Really busy spring, just before break the Jazz Band participated in State Festivals in Jackson, MI. They were 1 of 5 or 6 bands to receive straight I's. This means they were invited to play at the Detroit Jazz Festival in August.
- On Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, David received the call from the Grammy Foundation letting him know that Pioneer is the Signature School this year. We won this award in 2006. We are the first school to win twice. Our award is \$15,000. Last time Bob Seger was our Grammy Representative, this year we wanted someone connected to the program. Michael Daugherty will be our rep this time. He is a former

Band Parent and three time Grammy winner in 2011. His brass and percussion ensemble piece, Asclepius, will open the program. Symphony Band will perform Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral and Asphalt Cocktail. We are set with the rights to perform Asphalt Cocktail again.

- Brookwood Studio will record the concert and the CD will be for sale. This is a legal CD, we pay all royalties and we do not profit from them.
- Kevin Sedatole, MSU Band Director, will come down and work with SB. He commissioned Asphalt Cocktail.
- David thanked all band parents for supporting our children in the bands.
- Jazz Band recently participated in a Jazz Competition at MSU. They played outstandingly and were runners up to first place. Some of the kids were able to work with the Empire Brass while at Concordia.
- Symphony Band is doing some really fun stuff for Picnic Pops.
- David recommends attending the Bon Voyage concert of U of M's Symphony Band before their upcoming trip to China. The concert is May 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm with a pre-concert talk at 7:15.
- Michael Haithcock, U of M's band director, will be in next Tuesday to work with SB on Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral.
- Jazz Summit, Picnic Pops, Commencement and Senior Brunch are coming up before the end of school.
- Next year David will have more leadership with Varsity Band Brass Percussion. Nancy will still teach the Woodwinds.
- Next year is a tour year. David and Kevin Zhang are putting together a tour committee. Possibilities are Orlando (2003 last time there), New York with a performance at Carnegie or DC with a performance at the Kennedy Center. Itineraries will be put together and there will be some discussion and a vote.
- Eric Yamakado won the Ann Arbor Concert Band Concerto Competition and will perform with them on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **Committee Reports:**

### ***Enrichment***

#### **Band Banquet – Mary Relson**

Caterer is on board, Cottage Inn will again be providing dinner, looking for kids to do posters for decorations, table set up is the biggest task, that starts at 3:30pm, clean up isn't too bad, caterers take any leftover food

#### **Senior Activities – Holli Bertram**

Running slide show at the Banquet, need pictures from seniors, also need them for the memory book, which Gail Ferguson Stout puts together.

#### **Picnic Pops – Tim McKay**

Tim was not in attendance, Gloria will be emailing about this

### ***Funding***

#### **Flower Power – Marianne Blaesing**

Fifteen people have made purchases so far, \$300 earned so far

#### **ASAN \$\$ opportunity – Shayne Davidson**

Shayne is co-chair for the ASAN and if the band can provide 20-30 people for clean up we can earn \$1000.00. Ideally one person from clean up can also help with tarp set up and then take down will be easier.

**Banditos Fund Raiser – Lisa McKarns**

This will take place May 23-28, if you bring in a coupon 25% of your bill will go to the bands. Coupon coming and it was suggested we have them at Picnic Pops to hand out.

**Tux Bucks – Paulette Schonsheck**

Brent from Presidents Tuxedo was in and talked to Concert and Symphony Bands. Brent is putting the details together in an email to go to parents. The Bands will receive money for every tux rented to a Pioneer Student!

**2011 Annual Meeting**

**2011-2013 Budget Report – Carol Flannagan**

- 2 year balancing budget, non-tour year we should be \$20,000 ahead and all is spent during tour year.
- During tour year budget is bigger for scholarship and tour contributions
- Senior activities budget was decreased, because people felt like they were being nickel and dimed.
- Merchant Account Fees- trying to decide what to do about credit card fees. For China tour we had \$7,000 in fees that hadn't been budgeted for. May have to charge a fee to parents using a credit card, but not for debit or checks usage.
- Candy sale needs a replacement fundraiser

**Election of Officers/Approval of 2011-2013 budget**

Election ballot approved and 2011-2013 Budget approved. Elected Board Members are:  
Marianne Blaesing- President  
David Baum and Kathy Shipan- Co-Vice Presidents  
Carol Flannagan and Paulette Schonsheck- Co- Treasurers  
Jan and Bill Maxbauer- Co- Secretaries

**Gail Ferguson Stout comments:**

- Once Grammy is announced she may need help, stay tuned
- Senior parents, please stay connected with the PBA, 2014 is Centennial and Alumni Parents help will be needed, especially since it is a international tour year!
- Wants current band parents to know how amazing our program is, other bands do not sound like ours! Support it vocally!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.

Submitted by Bill and Jan Maxbauer, Co-Secretaries