

PIONEER BAND ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
January 9, 2007

ATTENDANCE: In attendance: David Leach, Nancy Waring, Gail Stout, Denise Johnson, Meena Khankari, Karen Smith, Nina Yamakado, Dorothy Dupuy, Karen Field, John Field, Ann Novak, Daryl Hurst, Marv Wagner, Paul Bush, Steve Sullivant, Renae Rosencrans, Sally Brieloff, Anne Bednar, Holli Bertram, Denise Held, John Held, Susan Washabaugh, Chris Campbell, Gloria Wilson, Sue Johnson, Jeff Bower, Jayne Bower, Joan Wedemeyer, Mary Teeter

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.

Date Conflict: The Ann Arbor Public Schools has scheduled music scholarship auditions for the same day as Solo and Ensemble, February 3rd and will not be changing the date.

New Officers: Several of the officers will be leaving the PBA. If you are interested in helping to lead the organization then please let Gail or Mr. Leach know.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report approved.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes approved.

Directors Reports:

Nancy Waring, Associate Director of the Pioneer Bands, explained the Uniform Committee worked with the Varsity Band on January 9th fitting outfits. The Varsity Band will receive their uniforms next Tuesday. The Varsity Band has been very busy getting ready for the Winter Concert; Tuesday will be the second rehearsal. Ms. Waring met with Pierre LaPlante, composer of the piece the Varsity Band will be playing at the Winter Concert, and received permission to slightly change the piece to better fit the Varsity Band.

David Leach, Director of the Pioneer Bands, stated the Jazz Band would be playing at the Martin Luther King Assembly this Friday and then next Wednesday at the Winter Concert. Small combos would start the concert. This year two singers would be performing with the Jazz Band. All Bands were in the middle of a very hectic schedule: rehearsal for Symphony Band on Monday, Concert Band on Tuesday, and Varsity Band on Wednesday. The Bands are also getting ready for District Band Festival which will be held at Pioneer. Please check dates on the calendar for Solo & Ensemble, Bands in Review, Band Banquet, Picnic Pops, and Commencement. Keep an eye on the Website for changes on the calendar. Mr. Leach

spoke to composer Jan Van der Roost at the Midwest Clinic. Mr. Van der Roost would like the Band to play more of his music and would like to conduct the Band again.

Committee Reports:

Centennial Project 2014/Band Alumni/Webmaster's Report: Daryl Hurst reported that he was able to contact William Champion's family and that his daughter will send pictures and video. Though the family will not be able to attend they have promised to send letters to be read at the presentation. Mr. Hurst stated volunteers are required for two committees. Steve Sullivant will be working as the Web developer but several people are needed to work on the committee. Mr. Hurst will be writing a proposal to solicit funding for the Centennial Project. He would like to get representation from the parents to act as a guiding group during the project. The class of 2014 will be at the concert. Note: If you are having a problem with spam on the Website please call the Webmaster and not Mr. Leach.

Bowling Party: The Bowling Party will be held on January 13th at the Bel Mark Lanes from 1 to 2 P.M. Students should sign up by Thursday at the end of the day.

Picnic Pops: Chris Campbell reported planning has begun for the May 19th Picnic Pops. Volunteer lists will be sent out in March. This year Pioneer has mostly new people on the committee but Huron's volunteers are familiar with the event. Huron's prom is the same day so there may be some issues that need to be resolved with manning the booths.

Band Photos: Marching Band photos can still be ordered through the Website.

PTSO Thrift Shop: Denise Held explained the work schedule is out for February and there are still empty spots available. The same system will be used next month. Turn in your request for work by the first Saturday of February for the March schedule. Note: Do not on S. Industrial.

Gala: Karen Field stated that Gala baskets were still being accepted. Please call before delivering. An e-mail has been sent out for the new address for ticket payments. The \$25 ticket includes hot/cold appetizers, a live and silent auction, and entertainment. An e-mail will be sent out for volunteers. People are still needed for the publicity effort. Posters are available for posting. Please encourage people to come. The event is posted on the WAAM and WEMU Websites. If anyone has a connection with the Ann Arbor News and they can help please let Karen know. Please direct questions to Karen's e-mail or call.

New Business: Help is needed to hand write invitations for the Winter Concert's VIPs. Please see Gail

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Smith-Krass
Pioneer Band Association Secretary