

**PIONEER BAND ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
March 13, 2007**

ATTENDANCE: In attendance: David Leach, Nancy Waring, Gail Stout, Denise Johnson, Meena Khankari, Karen Smith, Holli Bertram, Dorothy Dupuy, Karen Field, Denise Held, Daryl Hurst, Sue Johnson, Corinne Nair, Ann Novak, Barton Polot, Lisa Saulles, Steve Sullivant, Sharon VanRiper, Susan Washabaugh, Cheryl White, Gloria Wilson, Nina Yamakado

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.

Winter CD: Winter CD's are on their way and will be distributed shortly. Extra copies will be available.

Notes: Watch for the submissions deadline for the May/June issue, it may occur early than usual.

Physics: A lecture on the "Physics of Music" will be held at the University of Michigan on March 17. This is a free lecture and is open to the public.

E-Mails: Please watch for PBA announcements via e-mail. If your not receiving these announcements then submit your address.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report approved.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes approved.

Centennial Project/Webmaster: Daryl Hurst reported that the Winter Concert went very well. A package was put together and sent to William Champion's family including pictures and a DVD. The PBA is looking for any pictures you may have of the band. Please forward those to Daryl Hurst. Mr. Hurst reported that he is currently interviewing student who played under William Champion. He also reported that he is taking pictures for the Centennial Project of the Frieze Building as it is being demolished. Steve Sullivant has done a great job of detailing directions on how to post on the Web. You can sign up for automatic feeds and there is a great new scrolling calendar.

Directors Reports:

Nancy Waring, Associate Director of the Pioneer Bands, announced she was very proud of all the students who performed at the Winter Concert. Bands In Review music is shaping up and she had the students weigh in on what music they would like to perform at Picnic Pops. Ms. Waring explained she gave the students a number of choices and they picked the more difficult pieces and are beginning to

learn how to handle the rhythms. Ms. Waring stated they are doing well even though the music is not easy. Ms. Waring is in need of 15 chaperons for Bands In Review.

David Leach, Director of the Pioneer Bands, stated that the Navy officer (accepting the award for the Champion family) was surprised at how well the Varsity Band played and then was shocked at the performance level of Concert and Symphony Band. Jazz Band played at Gala and did a wonderful job. The new auctioneer and the WWJ news anchor were incredible. Bids have gone out for the new uniforms. Band Festival was great; it was wonderful watching the parents at the reading. Concert Band's reading was more difficult than the one Symphony Band was given but they nailed the reading. Auditions have started at the middle schools. The bands are preparing for Bands In Review. Scott Boerma, from EMU, and Michael Haithcock, from UM, will be guess conductors. Michael Daugherty's Red Cape Tango will be performed by Symphony Band. Tickets have been sent home for Bands In Review. Symphony and Concert Bands are expected to sell three.

Committee Reports:

District XII Band Festival: Karen Smith-Krass thanked all the volunteers who worked at Band Festival. Approximately \$700 was made on concessions.

Band Banquet: Denise Johnson reported that a date has been set and an e-mail will be sent out. A kick-off meeting will be held and a PowerPoint presentation is being prepared. Please send photos to Karen Field. Seniors should send a recent and a baby photo.

9th Grade Orientation: Gail Stout reported that 9th grade orientation for students entering Pioneer will be held after Bands In Review on Sunday, March 25th. Publicity has gone out including e-mail announcements to the middle school band directors. Band camp forms have also been sent out. The non-public schools have all been contacted (those with band programs).

Picnic Pops: Chris Campbell reported that some great games, very different from last year, are being planned for the day. Lots of volunteers are needed for the day, especially adults for the one and two hour slots. Food will be very simple due to health regulations. The PBA is placing an ad in both the Observer and the Ann Arbor News. Please make sure you bring friends and neighbors.

Gala: Karen Field stated that the Gala date has been set for next year. It will be February 17th. Attendance was up at the 2007 Gala and the PBA made \$22,000. That was \$3,000 more than last year. The auctioneer and the programs were the largest expense. Karen thanked everyone who worked at Gala.

New Business: Gail Stout reported that half of the committees are filled but more volunteers are needed. The PBA still does not have a treasurer for next year. Please consider helping. Gail also stated the possible need for a new chair position for publicity.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Smith-Krass
Pioneer Band Association Secretary