

Pioneer Band Association Meeting Minutes
12/11/07

Attendance: Gloria Wilson, Barton Polot, Steve Sullivant, Chuck Shipan, Nina Yamakado, Ruby Shapiro, Mary Teeter, Nair Matsuo, Jan Cubertson, Lisa McKarns, Kathy Toy-Nao, Cheryl White, Nancy Waring, Sally Brieloff, Daryl Hurst, Spomenka Kecman, Sharon VanRiper, Holli Bertram, Bill Maxbauer, Karen Kield, Renae Rosencrans, Ann Novaki, Uyen Tonnule

Meeting called to order at 7:34 pm, PBA President Gloria Wilson presiding.

Welcome and Introductions

President's Report: Gloria Wilson

Many thanks to Sally Brieloff for her work on the New York Tour. The Bowling Outing is coming in January and sign-up sheets are in the hallway leading to the band room. There are currently two possible dates for band camp this year: Aug. 5-11, or Aug. 12-18. We will let you know as soon as a date is confirmed. The date is changing this year so that Huron, Pioneer and Skyline can attend Interlochen together. Our Jazz Band played at the Firefly last night (12/10/07). They sounded great! The Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids is coming up fast. The Symphony Band will play on Jan. 25th. Buses will leave Pioneer at 7am. The concert is at 3pm with a nice dinner (provided by PBA) to follow. The kids should be home by 11pm. Our big Gala fundraiser is only 2 months away! We need to have a good fundraiser in order to buy some needed equipment for the band room.

Secretary's Report: Holli Bertram

The November, 2007 minutes were approved with the following changes:

1. Change date of Symphony Band Chair position postings from 9/10/07 to 11/10/07.
2. Change H.R. Reynolds to H. Robert Reynolds

Treasurer's Report: Bart Polot

The budget reports -an income and expenditures report (11/ 1/07-12/11/07) and a balance sheet through 12/11/07 – were discussed and approved.

A question was raised as to how a student's personal fundraising dollars (from extra candy sold or from the PTSO Thrift shop) will be applied to their New Horizon's travel account. PBA will write a check to New Horizons along with a list of the accounts the monies should be applied to. Gloria Wilson will email individual families when this is done, and families can check their updated accounts on the New Horizons website for their current balance.

Bart noted that PBA needs to be careful with our expenditures. As planned, we will be cashing in a certificate of deposit to help pay for the venues the bands will be playing at in New York. It's important that we all support Gala to help refill our coffers!

Centennial Project 2014/Band Alumni/Webmaster's Report – Daryl Hurst

As part of the Centennial project, Daryl has interviewed Charles Larkins.

Interesting facts about Pioneer Bands: William Champion wrote our fight song – Push on Ann Arbor – in 1935, the first Picnic Pops was in 1963, a shako is a tall hat, and PBA got its name and formal start in 1975. Daryl is working on providing us with a summary of the Centennial Project to date.

The year's Reflections of Excellence Award will be give to Joe Maddy, our first director and the founder of Interlochen.

Website news: Much thanks to Steve Sullivant and Cheryl White for their work on the website. Two new features are about ready to be launched:

1. Volunteer calendar. Click on it and sign up online!
2. Online photo album.

These photos come from you! Please send your favorite pictures to Daryl at Webmaster@aapioneerbands.org.

There is plenty of space left on our domain, so we have space to build our website.

A parent voiced concern about spam coming from aapioneer.edu mail addresses. Daryl will increase our spam protection.

Interesting facts: 7,000 unique visitors came to our website last year. March, September and October are the peak months for visitors.

Directors Report:

David Leach, Director of Bands: Unable to attend

Nancy Waring, Associate Director of Bands: All the bands are working very hard. Last Wednesday night, the Varsity band held a joint practice – their work ethic is phenomenal! On December 19th, David and Nancy are heading to Chicago for the Mid-West National Band and Orchestra Conference. Upcoming events: The Michigan Music Conference held in Grand Rapids – our Symphony Band plays on January 25th. March 8 is the confirmed date for the District Band Festival which will be held at Pioneer.

Committee Reports:

PBA NOTES: Kathy Toy-Nao, Chair

The January/February Newsletter is almost complete. Let Kathy know tonight if you have anything you'd like to put in. The newsletter should be in homes over the holiday break.

Bowling Party: Bonnie Pendleton, Unable to attend.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the band room and information will be in the *PBA NOTES*.

NYC Tour: Sally Brieloff

Due dates for tour payment will be in the *PBA NOTES*. Please get your tour forms in. Remember that the medical form needs to be notarized. Have your child bring them to band class.

There will be another mandatory meeting before the trip with an updated itinerary.

Funding:

PTSO Thrift Shop: Mary Topham: Unable to attend

Hours worked through February/29, 2008 will be paid out in March, 2008.

Band Gala and Auction: Karen Field

Gala is Sunday, February 10th at the Four Points Sheridan.

Tickets this year are \$30. This is an adult event. Remember that we don't make money from ticket sales – ticket cost pays for the venue and food. Our money is made through the auction items. This year we again have a trip to Mexico and to Mackinac! Items are still coming in. Please remember to ask at your favorite stores while shopping – vendors are much more receptive when you're already spending money at their business. The donated items are needed by the middle of January.

January 6th is the date that Family Baskets are due in.

Volunteers are needed for the night of the event. There will be a couple of work nights in January to put together baskets.

Gift buyers and book lovers! Between now and February, Nicola's Bookstore is willing to donate 15% of their sales from people who mention the Pioneer Bands. Please take advantage of this fun and easy way to raise money for the bands.

Gala needs new chairperson for next year. Hang out with Karen in January and learn the business!

Picnic Pops: Jan Culbertson

Jan is recruiting coordinators for this fun event. Would especially like people who are interested in publicity. Please contact her.

New Business: None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 2008