

PIONEER BAND ASSOCIATION MINUTES

1/08/08

Attendance: David Leach, Nancy Waring, Linda Long, Marv Wagner, Nooshin Sobhani, Tom Mayne, Lisa Saulles, Dan Saulles, Bonnie Pendleton, Holli Bertram, Renae Rosencrans, Sharon Van Riper, Nina Yamakado, Paul Bush, Sally Brieloff, Barton Polot, Karen Field, Louise and Dave Wallner, Steve Sullivan, Jan and Bill Maxbauer, Denise Johnson, Chuck Shipan, Robie Webster, Lisa McKarns, Mary Teeter, Jill Damon, Ruby Shapiro

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm.

President's Report — Gloria Wilson gave a quick overview of upcoming band events: the bowling party, the Michigan Music conference, Gala and Auction, the District XII Band Festival on March 8th and Picnic Pops on May 17th. Volunteers are needed for all events. Contact Nina Yamakado at yamakado@charter.net to volunteer for the Band Festival and contact Jan Culbertson at jankc@a3c.com to volunteer for Picnic Pops.

Pioneer band registration will be on Monday August 11th, 2008 for next year's bands. Band camp dates are August 12-18th. Band camp forms will be out in late March.

Secretary's Report — Minutes from the 12/11/07 meeting were approved without changes.

Treasurer's Report — Barton Polot presented a balance sheet of PBA income and expenses for the year through January 8, 2008. The balance sheet was approved.

Website Report — No report

Directors' Reports

Nancy Waring, Associate Director of Bands: The pace doesn't ease up from now until June. It's a very busy time for all bands. I had a very productive time at the Midwest Clinic in Chicago. I heard several really great concerts and I was able to observe rehearsals that included comments and suggestions from the composers of the works to be performed. I looked over lots of music and spoke with several highly regarded composers about our needs for the foundation of the program, our Varsity Band. Thank you all for your continued support of our students.

David A. Leach, Director of Bands: This is a busy and exciting time. The bands are sounding great. Be sure to check the band website for cancelled practices. We've confirmed that the jazz band will be playing at the Blue Note, a great venue, on Sunday morning while we're in New York. The new Skyline band director is Jason Smith. We anticipate that Skyline will bring 35-50 musicians to band camp at Interlochen this year.

Committee Reports:

Enrichment

PBA NOTES Newsletter Kathy Toy-Nao, Chair: March-April is the next newsletter. Let Kathy know if you have any articles or notices for submission.

Bowling Party Bonnie Pendelton, Chair: The Bowling party will take place at Colonial Lanes on January 12 for 1-3pm. We usually have around 100 kids. This year, we currently have 54 students signed up. The event is free for Varsity band members. Concert and Symphony band members pay \$2.00. Volunteers are still needed for check-in.

NYC Tour Sally Brieloff, Chair: Tour plans are moving along well. Sally made the announcement that the January tour payment is due on the 14th of the month, not the first as had been stated.

Picnic Pops *Jan Culbertson, Chair:* No report

Funding

PTSO Thrift Shop *Mary Topham, Chair:* The next pay-out for work at the Thrift Shop is in March. This payment will reflect all hours worked through the end of February.

Band Gala & Auction *Karen Field, Chair:* Karen reported that the committee is still accepting baskets. Merchant donations are down this year so far, but there are some amazing items to be auctioned, including a trip to Mexico and a trip to New York City. She reminded everyone that we don't make money from the cost of the tickets. The ticket price pays for venue and food. An email will be going out with a list of volunteer needs for Gala.

New Business: Nina Yamakado spoke briefly about the District XII Band Festival on March 8, held at Pioneer. We will need Concert and Symphony band parents to contribute snacks and drinks and to work the concession tables during the festival.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Respectfully submitted,
Holli Bertram, Pioneer Band Secretary