

Pioneer Band Association Minutes
3/11/08

Attendance: David Leach, Nancy Waring, Holli Bertram, Gloria Wilson, Bart Polot, Denise Johnson, David Baum, Linda Long, Nair Matsuo, Nina Yamakado, Cheryl White, Lisa Saulles, Renae Rosencrans, Sally Brieloff, Jan Culbertson, Chuck Shipan, Karen Field, Stephen Sullivant

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

President's Report: Gloria Wilson welcomed everyone and led the group introductions. She congratulated Nina Yamakado and the volunteers that worked on the March 8th District Band Festival. The crew did an awesome job!

Secretary's Report: The 1/08/08 minutes were reviewed and approved with the following changes:

1. Director of Bands Report - Correct the spelling of Skyline in third line.
2. President's Report - Bands in Review should read District Band Festival.
3. Attendance list – Change Van Riper to VanRiper.
4. Attendance list – Change Kisa McKarns to Lisa McKarns.

Treasurer's Report: Bart Polot passed out Income and Expense reports from 1/1/08-3/1/08. No final numbers are available on the Gala fundraiser yet, but it looks as if our net will be around \$22,800. Any extra money after expenses for the year are paid will go into a certificate of deposit.

Centennial Project/Band Alumni/Webmaster's Report: No report.

Director's Reports:

Nancy Waring, Associate Director of Bands - Everything is going well. She is proud of kids and very appreciative of the work the parents are doing behind the scene. Both of our directors will be judging at State Solo and Ensemble this coming weekend and the bands are looking forward to Bands in Review.

David Leach, Director of Bands – The District Band Festival on Saturday went VERY well, both from an organizational and performance perspective. A Huron parent wrote a wonderful letter to the Ann Arbor news about the exemplary character of our kids. Auditions are happening right now for Concert and Symphony bands. For Bands in Review, both Concert and Symphony band are learning new music. John Williamson from Central Michigan University will conduct both the Huron and Pioneer Symphony bands during this concert. Our great program would not be possible without great parents. Thank you.

PBA Notes: Kathy Toy-Nao not present. Submissions for the next newsletter are due the first week of April.

9th Grade Orientation: Gloria Wilson reported that the orientation will be held at the end of the Sunday Bands in Review performance. She would like a list of parents willing to act as a resource for new parents who have questions about the band program. Please contact her to volunteer.

Band Banquet. The banquet will be on May 5th at 6:30pm. Denise Johnson and Karen Field are chairs this year. Please email them if you're interested in volunteering to help organize the event. The banquet runs smoothly with about 6-8 people on the planning committee. Cottage Inn will again cater the event, and Denise anticipates about 2 meetings at her home to prepare for the event. Karen Field will prepare a Power Point photo presentation and she needs your pictures! Senior parents should send a baby picture and a recent picture to Karen. Email her or get her copies of the pictures – the sooner the better.

Picnic Pops: Jan Culbertson reported that the committee is meeting this Saturday. New this year: The bands will incorporate Skyline. The middle school bands which feed Skyline will be conducted by the Skyline band director. Not as many games are planned for this year. The committee would like feedback on what worked and didn't work in past years. Please email if you have ideas. The theme for the cake decorating contest will be announced soon. Incentives for joining the contest were discussed.

Senior Activities: Renae Rosencrans reported that a senior picture will be taken at Bands in Review. Dan Saulles' dad will take the picture. Margot Campos will design the senior memory book this year.

New York Tour: Sally Brieloff reported that she is in the process of collecting trip forms. The last payment is due March 14th. The PTSO Thrift Shop money is working through the system and families who have money due will be reimbursed. A mandatory tour meeting for parents and kids is on March 31 at 7pm at Schreiber. We discussed the possibility of getting a notary at this meeting, as one of the trip forms must be notarized.

Uniform Team: No report. The team recently provided uniforms for new kids and updated uniforms for those students who had out grown theirs.

Band Festival Concessions: Nina Yamakado reported that they are still processing the money from concessions. She stated the committee is so grateful to every single person who helped out. They got wonderful comments from everyone. The judges were very happy about the hospitality. Egg rolls and sushi were requested for next year. The soup was very much enjoyed by everyone. Donuts were a hit, as well as hot chocolate.

Gala: Karen Field reported that the thank you letters for Gala are going out. February 8th is the possible date for the Gala next year, and the committee is already looking for

volunteers. The Gala needs a new coordinator as the Field's daughter is graduating this year. Karen states the job is fun and manageable.

PTSO Thrift Shop: The bands have not yet received the PTSO thrift shop payments. Families who are owed money will either be reimbursed if they wish to apply the monies to the New York trip, or will be able to apply the money to the band camp.

New Business: Gloria Wilson reported that 49 students will be visiting from Tübingen, Germany in May and she is looking for host families. The students will arrive on Saturday, May 10th at around 4:15pm. Host families will pick them up from Pioneer. Sunday the kids will have an evening concert. Monday –Wednesday the students will have planned activities during the day. They leave on Thursday. The students are between 14 – 20 years old. Gloria would like to have host families arranged before the New York Tour.

Cheryl White reported that there is plenty of band apparel available for purchase. Please contact her.

David Leach announced that Michigan Music Conference CD's of the Symphony band are available in limited supply for \$15 – the recording is fantastic.

Next meeting is a Monday, March 31, 2008 Mandatory Tour Meeting.

The Annual Meeting & Elections will be held on April 15, 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Holli Bertram.