

## **Pioneer Band Association Minutes**

### **6/10/08**

**Attendance:** David Leach, Nancy Waring, Denise Johnson, Gloria Wilson, Bart Polot, David Baum, Linda Long, Cheryl White, Jan Culbertson, Jill Mills Polich, Steve and Larissa Sullivant, Veronique Liem, Daryl Hurst, Linda Xu, Robin Hess, Chuck Shipan, Mary Topham.

**The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm**

**President's Report:** Gloria Wilson welcomed everyone and led group introductions. She introduced the new board members: David Baum and Linda Long will be co-Vice Presidents. Jill Mills Polich will be treasurer. We are currently seeking a co-treasurer to work with her. Holli Bertram and Gloria Wilson return in their roles as Secretary and President, respectively. Thanks to all for their help on the Band Banquet, Picnic Pops, uniforms and the Senior Brunch. Committee chairs are still needed for some important events next year. David Baum will make calls to parents. The next PBA newsletter will be out before band camp. Please go to our website for the most updated news on the bands!

**Secretary's Report:** The 4/15/08 minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bart Polot distributed four reports: A June 9, 2008 balance sheet, income and expenditures from 4/15/08 – 6/09/08, a summary of Picnic Pops income and expense through 6/09/08 and a summary of income and expenses for the NYC tour. Bart explained that band camp fees are collected in this fiscal year, and spent in the next fiscal year. Because of that, we carry a large balance into the new fiscal year. He will be purchasing 3 and 6-month certificates to hold the savings over the summer. He reports that the PBA is in great financial shape.

**Centennial Project and Web Site:** Daryl Hurst reported he's had a personally busy year, and thanked Steve Sullivant and Cheryl White for their help on the web site. There is a box marked "PBA Historian" in the band room. Please drop any programs or pictures from the NYC tour or other band activities in this box. You can also email pictures to Daryl. He is looking at 2014 as the year the book and video on the history of the Pioneer Band will be completed

### **Directors Reports**

**Nancy Waring, Associate Director of Bands** – This has been a long, productive year. Symphony Band's concert in Carnegie Hall, as well as the New York performances of the Concert and Jazz Bands, was absolutely stunning. Varsity Band has made great progress this year. They played spectacularly at Picnic Pops. Parents – please make sure your musician continues to practice over the summer. We're not sure yet of the numbers for next year's Varsity Band.

**David Leach, Director of Bands** – Symphony and Concert Band numbers for next year look pretty stable. As anticipated with the opening of Skyline, band camp registration is down slightly. We anticipate 190 students at band camp, which is a good number to work with. The bands will play a shorter program this year – 10 minutes long – to accommodate Skyline's band and choir.

The New York tour was great. Our kids – all 209 of them – behaved extraordinarily well. The chaperones were a great group. Every event was wonderful. All of the bands played amazingly well, with the Symphony Band receiving a standing ovation in Carnegie Hall. Other highlights were the play *Wicked*, the NY Philharmonic, and Ground Zero. Thanks to all the families who hosted the Tübingen Band. The Tübingen contingent had a great time here in Ann Arbor.

Auditions are still going on for the bands for students who will be entering Pioneer next year. This year, the bands worked hard and performed at an amazing level. Next year will be an exciting year as well.

Jazz lab update: Michael Grace, the jazz band conductor at Community High School has retired. There is a possibility that his replacement will be hired to help teach the Pioneer Jazz lab, in addition to teaching at Community. More news as this possibility evolves.

### **Committee Reports**

**Band Banquet** - Denise Johnson reported 345 people attended the banquet, about 35 more than committed to attend. There was enough food. Because there was no senior skit this year, the entire banquet was held in the cafeteria, instead of adjourning to the Little Theater.

**Picnic Pops** – Jan Culbertson thanked the amazing group of parents who helped with the Picnic: Janice and the Doyle family on games, Joe DeMarsh on the grill, Elise Diamond who helped with miscellaneous food and Cheryl White with the Spirit Wear. Thanks also to the Huron parents who help pull the picnic together. Most of our parent volunteers are returning, but we need a publicity person, and someone willing to work with the cake contest. Pioneer won the Bundt Cake trophy for best cake at this year's picnic.

**Senior Activities** – The June 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior Brunch at David Leach's house went very well. 61 seniors showed up and a good time was had by all. The memory books were much appreciated.

**Band Picnic**- The Band Picnic will occur earlier than usual this year, on 9/13/08, shortly after school starts in the fall. **Veronique Liem would like to line up her volunteers for this event now!** A sign-up sheet was passed at the meeting. People can also volunteer on the website or by contacting Veronique. The picnic is held at Allmendinger Park.

**PTSO Thrift Shop** – New work-shift sign-up sheets are posted every Monday at the thrift shop.

### **Old Business**

- Fall band registration packets will be mailed out by Laura Latterner and Gloria Wilson around the end of June.
- A web calendar that allows online volunteering for all of PBA activities will be launched on the website as soon as the necessary information can be coordinated.
- High Density Filing System: Currently on hold as Pioneer High School was unable to commit funds at the present time.

**New Business**

- Daryl Hurst suggested trying to get Ann Arbor News to run a story of Skyline's new music program. A suggestion was made that a "Music in the Ann Arbor Schools" box in the Ann Arbor News would highlight our programs.
- The middle schools joined together in larger East and West bands at Picnic Pops. The idea of doing something like this on an annual basis was raised.

Many thanks to Denise Johnson and Bart Polot, outgoing board members, for their excellent service on this year's board.

THANKS TO BOTH DAVID LEACH AND NANCY WARING FOR GIVING OUR KIDS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE THROUGH THEIR LEADERSHIP AND MUSCIANSHIP!

**Next PBA meeting: Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 7:30 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Holli Bertram.