

Pioneer Band Association Minutes September 9, 2008

Attendance: David Leach, Nancy Waring, Gloria Wilson, David Baum, Linda Long, Jill Polich, Ed Etter, Holli Bertram and 111 PBA members.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. David Leach welcomed all in attendance and encouraged the active support of all band families.

President's Report: Gloria Wilson introduced the 2008-2009 Pioneer Band Association officers and our music directors, David Leach and Nancy Waring. She thanked all who have worked hard for the bands over the summer and in the first weeks of the school year.

The mission of Pioneer Band Association is to actively support and enrich the band program. This is accomplished through social events like the upcoming band picnic and through fundraising. The Pioneer Bands go on tour every two years. The PBA actively fundraises on a two year cycle to help support these tours. Our fundraising also allows us to buy things such as music and instruments for the program and to provide scholarships to our students.

How can you help?

- *Check our website for information about upcoming events and our volunteer needs.

- *Read the PBA Notes, our bi-monthly newsletter, for information.

- *Check with David Baum, our Volunteer Coordinator, to see which activities need your help.

We need your help to keep Pioneer one of the premier high school music programs in the country.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the 6/10/08 meeting were read and approved with the following corrections: In the Director's Reports – capitalize the word "band" following the name of the band. Change "World Trade Center" to "Ground Zero."

Treasurer's Report: Jill Polich thanked outgoing treasurer Bart Polot for his excellent work last year. The PBA accounting system is being changed so that we can keep track of income and payments by student. The July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 Fiscal Year Financial Report, the July through August 2008 Income and Expense: Fiscal Year to Date, and the Balance Sheet as of August 25, 2008, were presented and approved.

Centennial Project 2014/Band Alumni/Webmaster's Report: Daryl Hurst introduced Steve Sullivant, who has worked hard on our website. The goal is to make our website as user friendly as possible. Please visit and let us know your opinion!

We are 5 years away from our Centennial celebration. We plan to have a book, a video and much memorabilia. Our kids are making history – please send Daryl pictures (digital preferred, but any are accepted) and stories for inclusion in the official Pioneer Band Archive.

Director's Reports

Nancy Waring, Associate Director of Bands: Nancy Waring welcomed all of the band families, stating that families are the foundation of the program. Please feel free to contact her with any questions that you may have. Email is the best way to contact her.

David Leach, Director of Bands: David Leach reported that we had an incredible band camp at Interlochen and he is looking forward to a great year. This year the new high school, Skyline, joined us at Interlochen.

As the economy changes, fund raising becomes even more important as an increasing number of our families will need our help through scholarships and support with instruments. Please be moved by our children. We want all to be a part of the program. Our "big bang" in fundraising is the Gala and Auction.

Committee Reports:

Advocacy

Alumni at Homecoming, Sept. 19: Various methods were discussed for coordinating the return of band alumni, including beginning a Band Alumni Facebook page, and developing a list of alumni with contact information.

Apparel: The PBA sells clothing and merchandise with the Pioneer Bands name on it. This is not a fundraiser, but is a great way to show support and spirit!

Enrichment

Band Picnic: Veronique Liem and Donna Whitney invited all to the Band Picnic this Saturday from 1-4pm. Burgers and hot dogs are provided, with drinks and side dishes brought by parents.

PBA NOTES Newsletter: Kathy Toy-Nao invited everyone to pick up a copy of the PBA NOTES. Future issues will be bulk mailed once every two months. Please let Kathy know if you don't receive your issue or if you want to be dropped from the mailing list. The NOTES will also be posted online on the website.

Senior Activities: Sally Brieloff introduced herself as the mom of a senior, and spoke of what a great experience the Pioneer Band program has been for her children. Upcoming events for seniors:

1. An ad is placed in the Omega for the seniors. This costs around \$8 per senior family. She needs to be sure she has the correct email for all the senior families, and also needs to know how you want your child's name to appear in the ad.
2. Senior Night – This occurs at the Oct. 10th football game. All seniors and their families gather on the field at half-time and seniors are introduced.
3. More information in upcoming months on the end-of-year Senior luncheon.

Funding

Band Family: Each band family is expected to contribute to the PBA in the following ways:

1. \$25 registration fee, paid at band registration

2. \$100 that can be earned by students through the following fundraisers:
 - *Car Wash
 - *Candy Sale
 - *PTSO Thrift ShopFamilies may write a check for the \$100, or any amount not earned through fundraisers.
3. Every family is expected to participate in the Band Gala and Auction
4. Families are expected to purchase tickets to the Bands in Review performance

Individual statements will be issued to each family. Additional fundraising beyond the \$100 commitment to PBA becomes the student's to be used for band expenses such as band camp and band touring costs. These additional monies may be carried over into the next fiscal year.

Candy Sale: This year's candy sale runs from September 30 – October 14.

Car Wash: A coordinator for the year's car wash is still needed. Please see David Baum if you're interested in volunteering for this position. The car wash is scheduled for Saturday, October 18.

PTSO Thrift Shop: Mary Topham acts as chair and liaison for the PBA. This is a consignment shop run through donations. It is mostly staffed by parents and students who work two hour shifts. All volunteers go through an orientation class. 14-17 year olds will need a work permit. Forms are available at the Pioneer offices. You may sign up for shifts up to 30 days in advance, with a new week added every Monday. The Thrift Shop pays approximately \$8 an hour. Payouts into your PBA account will occur twice a year – on January 1 and May 1. Email Mary for more information.

Gala and Auction: Ann Curtis and Janene Centurione were introduced as the new co-chairs of the Gala. This year's Gala falls near Mardi Gras and we will have an *All that Jazz – Mardis Gras* theme. Tickets will be \$30.

The two building blocks of Gala are volunteers and donations.

Donations - Some ideas for donations for the auction are: art work, framed photos of the band, anything purple, family baskets and gift certificates to local businesses. Do family or friends own a local business? Perhaps they'd like to donate an item or run an advertisement. Our students can also get involved, perhaps by making jewelry and or tie-dyeing t-shirts and selling them. Descriptions of donations will be previewed on the website. A Facebook page is being set up.

Volunteer - Janene and Ann are highly organized and promise to make good use of your time. Your contacts with the area businesses that you love will make this Gala work. The goal is for people from all walks of life to come and have fun at the Mardi Gras!

New Business

Special Election: Ed Etter was voted in as co-Treasurer with a unanimous voice vote.

Next PBA Meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Holli Bertram

