

PIONEER BAND ASSOCIATION MINUTES

1/13/09

Attendance: Nancy Waring, Holli Bertram, Sharon VanRiper, Steve Sullivan, Denise Johnson, Gloria Wilson, Kathy Toy-Nao, Daryl Hurst, Nair Matsuo, David Baum, John Bound, Uyen Tonnule, Bill Maxbauer, Jan Maxbauer, Jodi Johnson, Linda Long, Sally Brieloff, Janene Centurione, Ann Curtis, Lisa McKarns

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. All present introduced themselves.

President's Report — Gloria Wilson reported that we are now in the concert season. Jazz Band will be playing in the Little Theater on January 14th, and District Solo and Ensemble is Saturday, January, 17th.

Secretary's Report — Minutes from the 12/09/08 meeting were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report — Daryl Hurst presented a balance sheet, a fiscal-year-to-date sheet and a financial highlights sheet. PBA currently has a cash balance of \$54,676.81. Daryl reports that the Billing Solutions software is working well, giving us the ability to invoice and let members make payments online.

Historian/Website Report — Daryl Hurst reports the photos of Robert Albritton were taken and will be added to the archives. Loren Cartwright will be honored at this year's Winter Concert with the 5th Reflection of Excellence Award.

Directors' Reports

Nancy Waring, Associate Director of Bands: Jeff Zook and Nancy Ambrose-King will be soloists at this year's Winter Concert. They had their first practice with the Symphony Band, and the kids were amazed at their playing. The bowling party was a lot of fun, and there was a great turn-out, despite the snow storm. Both Nancy and David went to Chicago for the Midwest Music Conference. Nancy thanks the PBA for their support of this trip. Delegations from both Russia and China were interested in having our band tour in their countries. Nancy and David both got to talk with various composers and heard a lot of excellent music at the concerts. Next week is the Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids. Both Nancy and David will attend, and one of our Pioneer chamber ensembles will be playing. Jack Wagner, the director of the Jazz Band at Community High School and Dan Piccolo will be soloists at the Jazz concert tomorrow night. In addition, there are plans for H. Robert Reynolds, emeritus Band Director at University of Michigan, and Rodney Dorsey, Band Director at University of Michigan, to come work with our kids.

David A. Leach, Director of Bands: Not present.

Committee Reports:

Advocacy

PBA NOTES Newsletter, Kathy Toy-Nao, Chair: Articles for the March/April issue are due the second week of February. Kathy asked if the PBA NOTES calendar font was big enough for all to comfortably read. The general consensus is that the font size is fine.

Incoming 9th Grade Orientation at Bands in Review: Gloria Wilson requests help in organizing and handing out information for incoming freshman after the Sunday afternoon Bands in Review concert on March 29th.

Enrichment

Bowling Party, Bonnie Pendleton, Chair: Bonnie Pendleton not present. Gloria Wilson reported that 73 kids attended the bowling event. Many thanks to Bonnie Pendleton for coordinating and all the volunteer parents who helped!

Senior Activities, Sally Brieloff, Chair: Sally requested that all seniors send a senior picture and baby picture to her – thank you! A group photo of the seniors will be taken after Bands in Review. A calligrapher is needed – please contact Sally.

Funding

Band Gala & Auction, Janene Centurione and Ann Curtis, Co-Chairs: Janene and Ann request that all band families get their donations in as soon as possible, as the committee will be putting together baskets soon. Please make your Gala reservations now! Raffle tickets are now available with an information sheet on how to sell them. This is a great new opportunity to help the PBA raise money at Gala. Come support the bands and have a great time as well. Some big ticket items will be on the auction block and our theme is Mardi Gras, All that Jazz.

District XII Band Festival Planning, Nair Matsuo: Pioneer provides breakfast and lunch for the judges and band directors. Volunteers are also needed to help sell refreshments. This year's festival is on March 7th. A table for volunteer sign-up will be set-up at the Winter Concert.

Picnic Pops, Jodi Johnson: This year, Skyline High School will participate in Picnic Pops. Only the bands will be playing, a change from past years when orchestras also performed. Two volunteer coordinators are needed to direct volunteers the day of the event. Jodi also requested a 5 gallon water container. This is required for hand-washing by the volunteers handling food, and the water will need to be changed every hour.

New Business:

Music-Go-Round: Music-Go-Round is struggling. If you have a music purchase to make, please support our local music store!

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 10th, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Holli Bertram, Pioneer Band Secretary