

Pioneer Band Association Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Present: David Leach, Nancy Waring, Gloria Wilson, David Baum, Kathy and Chuck Shipan, Paulette Schonsheck, Carol Flannagan, Jan and Bill Maxbauer, Gail Stout, Nina Yamakado, Jeannette Shapiro, Amy Olszewski, Robin Hess, Lisa and Tom McKarns, Mary Relson, John Bound, Vanessa Smith, Orest Mykolenko, Russ and Marianne Blaesing,Carolynn Hayman, Fritz Yunk, Edward Diehl, Marc and Deborah Renner, Kamilah Kelsaw, Joseph and Laretta Codrington, and Nancy Eubanks

Meeting called to order at 7:32; all attendees introduced themselves

President Report – Gloria Wilson

Thanks to all volunteers that have helped so far, including those that worked at band registration, band camp, the band picnic, the marching band rehearsals (hydration team) and the marching band escorts.

PBA is a parent run organization that financially covers what the district cannot; such as the purchase of instruments, scholarships, music,- etc. The mission is to further excellence in music, friendship and sportsmanship. The PBA actively fundraises to fill our coffers. It is not a tour year. How you can volunteer to help: Fill out volunteer form at band registration; also Gloria will send out emails when volunteers are needed. If you don't hear back regarding your volunteer offer, you can email Gloria, but it may mean you are not needed for that particular activity. How do you gather PBA info: Come to PBA meetings, check the PBA website and read the PBA Newsletter posted on the website. Gloria sends an email with the link each time the Newsletter is uploaded. Band Directory will be coming out. It is only for band families and contains student contact information.

Secretary's report – Fritz Yuck reporting

Minutes from the previous meeting 6/8/10 were approved with clarification that David Leach is commissioning composers John Stout and Michael Daugherty to write pieces for a 100th anniversary celebration of the Pioneer Band program in 2014.

Treasurer's report – Carol Flannagan

Usually this report gives specific bank information, but today Carol wanted to give an overview of how the money comes in and goes out.

Money In

• PBA Fee @\$30	\$7,000
• Car Wash	\$5,000
• Candy Sale	\$8,000
• Gala	\$15,000
• Contributions	\$4,000
• Thrift Shop	\$1,400
• Other Fundraisers	\$2,000

Money Out

• Marching Band Hospitality	\$250
• Band Banquet	\$700
• Instrument Repairs & Purchase	\$2,750
• Guest Conductors/Soloists	\$1,000
• Sectional Support	\$4,000
• Senior Activities	\$1,400
• Awards & Recognition	\$2,000
• Uniform Cleaning/Purchase/Repair	\$3,800

Goal for the year is to come out \$20,000 ahead for tour next year. The family fundraising goal is \$100. These are funds raised through candy sale, car wash, thrift shop and direct contributions. This does not include gala tickets or donations or the PBA fee. PBA tries to give plenty of opportunity for families to raise the \$100.

The Treasurer's email address goes to both Paulette and Carol. Reminder they are parent volunteers and they want to be communicative, work things out and make things match!

Directors' Reports

Nancy Waring:

- Thank you to those families who participated in the picnic.
- No home game the first week of school was nice. Nancy is pleased to see the student participation in Varsity Band. Students who were at band camp are very excited to be teaching!
- There are many flutes and some are switching instruments. Two or three are switching to oboe and two or three to bassoon.
- It is nice to see so many new faces today. We can't do it without parent help and we are eternally grateful for your participation and support.

David Leach:

- Band Camp was wonderful, 180 students, 30 staff, weather was perfect
- Third day pep assembly, Symphony Band was great
- Rehearsed today for the first time with Skyline Band and Jason Smith for the combined show. It was wonderful for all the kids
- The Band program received Commended Honors from the National Wind Band Honors Mark of Excellence program. This is a level up from last time and with the exception of Pioneer and a band from Florida every other group is from Texas. He is super proud of the kids. The audition tape consisted of Wild Nights and Lincolnshire Posy. This is a huge honor.
- Varsity Band marches the first couple of days. Nancy is looking for the best music for her instrumentation.
- Pay attention to the website
- Please ask questions by email rather than phone
- You will hear from David or Nancy long before there is a grade issue

Vice President Report– David Baum reporting

Band overview from parent point-of-view: Marching season is 6 weeks in a row, Symphony Band marches all games with Concert Band joining on Oct. 1st. Come to a game or a rehearsal to see what it is all about! During the marching season we have the Candy Sale and the Car Wash. November thru Christmas is quiet, though Robin Hess reminded us that there is uniform work done during that time. January brings the Bowling Party at Colonial Lanes, which is free to Varsity Band members. Also in January is the Jazz Band Concert in the Little Theater and Solo and Ensemble at Livonia Franklin High School. The Winter Concert is in early February. The Gala is a wonderfully festive event for family and friends in February. March brings Band Festival, which we host. Don't miss the sight reading and please volunteer! Bands In Review is later in March with 9th grade orientation following the Sunday concert. We have two events in May, the Band Bandquet and Picnic Pops.

We have volunteer vacancies in a few areas: A Bowling Party organizer, PTO Thrift Shop liaison, Zippy and Community Car Wash organizer and a 9th grade orientation leader are needed.

Committee Reports:**Gala – Lisa McKarns**

Date not set, but leaning toward February 13th as it is not Superbowl Sunday. Theme not set. A volunteer sheet was passed around.

Car Wash – Tom McKarns

Tom needs volunteer help. There are 4 shifts, 8 parents and 30 students are needed for each shift. Sign-up sheet sent around. Car Wash is October 2nd.

Snack and Hydration team – Nina Yamakado heads this and she needs volunteers on Wed. and Thurs afternoons from 3-5:30pm

Picnic – Jamie Martin did a great job

Senior Activities – Holli Bertram- Chair, Gloria reminded us that Senior night is Oct 1st and the Omega Ad photo will be taken right before the game.

Candy Sale – October 19- November 1

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30pm. Next meeting Tuesday, Oct 19 at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Jan and Bill Maxbauer, co-secretaries