

Pioneer Band Association Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Present: David Leach, Nancy Waring, Gloria Wilson, David Baum, Kathy Shipan, Paulette Schonsheck, Carol Flannagan, Bill Maxbauer, Lisa McKarns, Robin Hess, Carolyn Hayman, Nancy Eubanks and Marianne Blaesing.

Meeting called to order at 7:35; all attendees introduced themselves.

President's Report – Gloria Wilson

Thank you to all volunteers and especially Gala volunteers: Lisa McKarns for organizing everything; Holli Bertram for hosting the baskets; and webmaster Barton Polot for working with Lisa to get the online bidding working.

Secretary's report – Bill Maxbauer reporting

(It was noted that the January meeting of the PBA was cancelled due to inclement weather; hence the prior meeting was two months ago). Minutes from December 2, 2010 meeting were reviewed, and were unanimously approved without changes.

Treasurer's report – Carol Flannagan and Paulette Schonsheck reporting

Monthly report: (see appended report).

-The great majority of program fees have now been collected.

-An update was given on the fundraisers year to date.

-Candy Sale. We have made progress on the collection of Candy receipts, but this year's candy purchased by the PBA continues to be both undersold and under collected. There was some discussion about whether another Pioneer music program might be willing to shoulder some of the load of the unsold inventory. The best news is that because the candy has already been paid for by the PBA, any money collected will fall right to the bottom line.

-Dale Fisher Photos – we have sold about 80% of our original order of 100 photos.

With Band Gala two weeks away, everybody is hopeful that a good gala this year will help pick up the fundraising slack of the earlier events.

Directors' Reports

Nancy Waring:

- While in Chicago at the Midwest Conference, was able to select Picnic Pops repertoire for Varsity Band.
- Weather wreaked havoc on rehearsal schedules, and given that Varsity Band had only one combined rehearsal, she was very pleased with how the Winter Concert came off.
- Music for Picnic Pops has been ordered.

David Leach:

- While in Chicago at the Midwest Conference, was able to meet with the Composer of Asphalt Cocktail, John Mackey.
- Also at the conference, was able to attend open rehearsal featuring Michigan State's Conductor Kevin Sedatole.

- Another highlight from the Conference was attending a clinic/discussion on William Bolcom's First Symphony led by U of M's Michael Haithcock and Bolcom. The Marine Band played selections and then the entire piece.
- January concert by the Jazz Band had great turnout, helped by the weather.
- Ypsilanti concert by the Jazz Band was cancelled, but he was able to book a concert at Cliff Bell's in Detroit instead.
- David echoed Nancy's comment that he was really pleased with how the kids performed at the Winter Concert in spite of the weather related rehearsal cancellations.
- David is planning on combining the Symphony and Concert Bands together for a performance of the "Movement for Rosa" at the school's Black History Month assembly.
- David addressed concerns raised at the last meeting regarding the candy sale. He said that he singled out Symphony Band to sell more candy, since they are the greatest beneficiaries of our fundraising (e.g. China Trip last year). We collectively need to find a way to make the candy sale work, or else find an alternative fundraiser that will yield the same proceeds.
- David reminded us that fundraising in non-tour years is always more difficult, because of the absence of a reward on the horizon for students and parents.

Vice President Report– David Baum and Kathy Shipan reporting

Still looking for a parent to lead:

-Tux Bucks

-Freshman Orientation

Also continue to need additional Gala volunteers.

District Band Festival – Amy Olszewski will be organizing volunteers via email.

Gala – Lisa McKarns

Date set, February 13, 2011, 5-8pm, Asia City Restaurant, Chinese New Year theme.

The Jazz Band will perform.

New auctions items include a weekend in Chicago.

144 people are now registered to attend Gala, representing 65 of the 250 Families in the Pioneer Band Program.

Lisa said that she now has 171 auction items, and would love to see at least 171 Band families represented at the event.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40pm. Next meeting Tuesday, March 15th at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Bill Maxbauer, Co-Secretary

Financial Highlights

Feb. 2, 2011 PBA Meeting

Income

Fundraising Profit

Candy Sale (target 8K)	\$5,980
	(\$1,747 outstanding)

Dale Fisher Photos	\$630
	(78 sold)

Donations (target 4K)	\$3,627
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Apparel Sales	\$1,470
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Car Wash Cards	\$1,000
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Thrift Shop	\$2,200
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Coming up:

Gala

Expense Highlights (year-to-date)

Sectional Instructors	\$2,685
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Instrument Repair	\$633
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Uniform Cleaning	\$2,600
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Sheet Music	\$955
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Accounting & Bank Charges	\$892
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20010-2011 Budget Highlights

Fundraising Goal	\$47,950
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<i>Current fundraising total</i>	<i>\$18,370</i>
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2010-2011 Program Support & general expenses	\$27,650
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Budgeted 2010-2011 Operating Gain (non-tour year)	\$20,300
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