

## **Pioneer Band Association Meeting Minutes**

### **Tuesday, March 15, 2011**

**Present:** David Leach, Nancy Waring, Gloria Wilson, Kathy Shipan, Paulette Schonsheck, Bill Maxbauer, Bart Polot, Carolyn Hayman, Nancy Eubanks, Joseph Coddington, Amy Olszewski and Marianne Blaesing.

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

#### **President's Report – Gloria Wilson**

Thank you to all who helped organize, contribute and volunteer at the District Band Festival. A huge thanks also to Lisa McKarns and all volunteers and contributors for the success of this year's Band Gala. With Lisa's son Jack a senior next year, we will be seeking a Co-Chair to assist Lisa next year and hopefully continue on after Lisa leaves.

Finally, our annual meeting is on April 19, and this is an open call for any nominees for our annual Election of Officers.

#### **Secretary's report – Bill Maxbauer reporting**

Minutes from February 8 meeting were reviewed, and were unanimously approved without changes.

#### **Treasurer's report – Paulette Schonsheck reporting**

Monthly report:

- The association is still due \$1,700 for candy.
- There are 15 Dale Fisher photos of U of M Stadium remaining to sell.
- Band Gala netted about \$21,000, exceeding our budgeted amount by \$6,000. This is terrific, and helps make up for the lower than forecast results of the candy sale and car wash.
- District Band Festival raised about \$600
- Picnic Pops is usually budgeted as a break even or small loss activity.

#### **Vice President Report– Kathy Shipan reporting**

Still looking for a parent to lead:

- Tux Bucks
- Freshman Orientation
- Uniform Distribution

Because the Candy Sale seems to be yielding diminishing returns, we discussed potential replacement fundraisers.

Ideas discussed included:

- Restaurant Fundraisers (Banditos, Max & Erma's, Noodles & Co., etc)
- Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough
- Script Cards.

No final decisions were made, but those present were cool to the frozen cookie dough idea.

### **Directors' Reports**

#### **Nancy Waring:**

- She is very proud of Concert Band and Symphony Band for hosting District Band Festival and for earning all "1"s at festival.
- She has distributed Picnic Pops music to Varsity Band and thinks that everyone will really enjoy the selections to be performed.
- Lots going on in the next two weeks, including State Solo and Ensemble Festival, Bands in Review, and the Concerto Concert, featuring Pioneer bandsmen Eric Yamakado, James Campbell, and Carly Renner.

#### **David Leach:**

- The Band Program at Pioneer has its own version of March Madness.
- Symphony Band had guest conductor John Pasquale, formerly of Austin, TX and is currently Assistant Director of Bands at the University of Michigan; he was very complimentary about the level of playing. The kids did a great job.
- Getting ready for Bands in Review. CB will perform Inferno; SB will perform Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral and Asphalt Cocktail.
- Once done, we will move on to Picnic Pops music.
- We continue to hear auditions for next year, incorporating students from the feeder Middle Schools. One of the challenges currently is a shortage of tubas.
- Next year is a travel year, so I will be shortly gathering ideas from our soon to be senior leaders, about ideas for venues in the Continental U.S.
- Band Camp dates are confirmed for August 16-22.
- Pioneer's census is expected to settle to 1,650 students next year, as Skyline comes on stream as a four grade high school.
- Jazz Band will hopefully be playing at the Detroit International Jazz Festival this year.
- Also hopes that Jazz Band can obtain another gig at Cliff Bell's in Detroit.

### **District Band Festival – Amy Olszewski**

-Please consider filling out the Survey Monkey online.

-For next year, would like to slim down the food choices.

-Soup is too complicated for this event, and presents Health Department compliance issues.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Submitted by Bill Maxbauer, Co-Secretary