

Pioneer Band Association Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Present: David Leach, Nancy Waring, Marianne Blaesing, Kathy Shipan, David Baum, Paulette Schonsheck, Carol Flannagan, Bill Maxbauer, Jan Maxbauer, Lisa McKarns, Marie Therese Hocott, Cathy McKenny, Carolynn Hayman, Alison Battersby, Martha Kinny-Sedgwick

Meeting called to order at 7:36; all attendees introduced themselves

President's Report – Marianne Blaesing

Marianne was surprised with the “What cookie orders?” response to her reminder email! She has set up a PBA Mailings Gmail account, so other people can send out emails to specific groups in the band program. Lisa will be trying this for Gala and Amy Olszewski will also try it for Jazz Band.

Secretary's report – Bill and Jan Maxbauer reporting

Minutes from October 4 meeting were reviewed, and were unanimously approved without changes.

Treasurer's Report – Carol Flannagan

- \$1,350 came in from the PTO Thrift Shop
- A light month for expenses, we had \$278 in marching expenses and PBA contributed \$8,045 toward tour (total PBA contribution to tour will be approximately \$50,000). We also spent \$200 on supplemental instruction.
- The PBA is required to file a 990 tax form. It was due today and filed today! Gross receipts were \$153,934. This form is 40 pages! It will be available on the website or on request.

Directors' Reports

Nancy Waring:

- It is audition season. VB is done and went well. The most difficult parts of the music are chosen for auditions. They have a program called Sound Studio that they used for auditions. Once the students are on the correct parts the band immediately sounds better. Nancy is conducting CB while David listens to their auditions.
- We had 16 students audition for concertos. The results will be posted this Friday at 3:30pm.
- Band Camp dates for 2012 are August 7-13.

David Leach:

- Marching season is done. It has been fun to see the football team and marching band develop.
- Phantom of the Opera was a brilliant production. We had many band kids on stage, in the pit and behind the scenes. Hope you were able to see the show!

- David is in the middle of chair auditions and it is going well. He is very pleased with the preparation by the students. The results will be posted right before Thanksgiving.
- Thanks to PBA for the support they are providing David and Nancy to attend the Midwest Clinic in Chicago again this year. It is an invaluable experience for them!
- Jazz Band: Professor Rodney Whitaker from MSU is bringing his Jazz I ensemble (“Be-Bop Spartans”) down to play a combined concert on December 1st. We need a full house! We already have WEMU promoting as well as AnnArbor.com. The MSU Jazz Band will be doing clinics that day and Amy Olszewski is organizing dinner for the MSU students.
- Jazz Band will play at Cliff Bells in Detroit on December 11 as part of the Civic Jazz “Open Mic” night. If you haven’t been, you must go! It is an actual speakeasy.
- December 10 is the bowling party.
- David is thankful to teach in Ann Arbor. He and Nancy went to the State MSBOA Meeting and many teachers are struggling. In Ann Arbor they are not talking about cutting music! Michael White is VERY supportive of our program!

Vice President Report– Kathy Shipan and David Baum

- Kathy reported on the Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough sale: We had 112 students submit orders (out of around 239). We sold 890 tubs and our profit should be around \$5300. We are hoping for a delivery date of December 6. One parent suggested we have the sale next year over Thanksgiving making it easier to sell to family members.
- David Baum reports that we have two new volunteers. Denise Ten Brink will be our PTO Thrift Shop chair and Mary Teeter has taken on the Zippy Car Wash Fundraiser.
- We are in need of Co-Treasurers! Carol and Paulette have seniors this year. We would like to find our volunteers soon so they can shadow Carol and Paulette, learn the ropes and seamlessly step in to the positions. It is really a two person job. If you know anyone, please contact David Baum or Kathy Shipan.
- David Baum extends a big Thank You to Carolyn Hayman for arranging the Band Camp Bus. Nice Job! Thanks also to the new people coming out tonight. There is no better program at Pioneer than the band program.

Committee Reports:

Enrichment- Bowling Party, Marie-Therese Hocott reporting

The date for the bowling party is December 10 from 1pm to 3pm at Colonial Lanes. There will be signup sheets after Thanksgiving. The cost is \$5.00 and free for VB members. There will be pizza, pop and salads provided. We need volunteers to bring in desserts.

Funding- Lisa McKarns reporting for Zippy and Gala

Zippy car wash coupons are being sold. The coupons are \$10 and we make \$5 on each coupon. Orders are due December 2 and will be delivered at the same time as the cookie dough.

Gala is Feb. 12 at Asia City Restaurant in Ypsilanti. There will be a Gala link on the Website. We have over 20 merchant donations so far and 300 letters have been sent out. Lisa encourages the kids to donate services like “clarinet cookies,” babysitting, yard work etc. Families may also donate items such as U of M tickets, vacation home, concert tickets etc. We will have a raffle with 2 prizes; an instant wine cellar and perhaps a \$300 cash prize? Can we give cash? Helen Starman is helping and we need someone to take over the raffle. We will also need volunteers to help with basket wrapping.

New Business-

Kathy Shipan wonders if we can donate the left over candy from last year’s candy sale to Food Gatherers. She will look into this.

Pauline Schonsheck still has 20 Dale Fisher prints from last year. A couple can be sold at Gala.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.

Submitted by Bill and Jan Maxbauer, Co-Secretaries