

## **Pioneer Band Association Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 6, 2011**

**Present:** David Leach, Marianne Blaesing, Kathy Shipan, David Baum, Bill Maxbauer, Jan Maxbauer, Lisa McKarns, Marie Therese Hocott, Alison Battersby, Graham Battersby, Bart Polot, Vanessa Smith, Mary Teeter, Martha Kinney-Sedgwick

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

### **President's Report – Marianne Blaesing**

Doodle Poll signup for cookie distribution volunteers worked very well. General feeling is that the cookie sale was well liked, but suggests we start earlier next year.

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

Minutes from November 15 meeting were reviewed, and were unanimously approved with one change from David Leach: "Midwest Conference" should be "Midwest Clinic".

### **Directors' Reports**

#### **Nancy Waring**

Not in attendance due to conflict with Orchestra Concert this evening

#### **David Leach:**

- VB had their first evening combined rehearsal last week. It was a wonderful experience and Nancy Waring said it was the best first rehearsal that she can remember!
- Auditions for next year will take place the first week of March and the music will be the same as last year.
- CB, SB, JB are abuzz with activity. Chair positions were posted just before Thanksgiving Break, giving the kids 5 days to digest the results. David encourages kids to come in and talk to him about their audition. He has had a steady stream of kids so far. It is very helpful, as is the whole audition experience. Auditions and experiences like Solo and Ensemble prepare the kids for real world situations such as defending a thesis or having a job interview.
- SB is gung-ho about their music. Orchestra winds rehearse twice a week with orchestra and they are participating in the concert tonight.
- Jazz Band: Concert with the MSU Jazz Band was unbelievable. Thanks to Amy Olszewski for organizing two meals for the MSU musicians. Rodney Whitaker would like to do more with us. He has a big name jazz artist coming and would like to bring that person down to play at Pioneer. He encouraged David Leach to take the JB to the Essentially Ellington competition in New York. David says maybe next year. One good gig and more comes out of it!!
- 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.

- Bands In Review – SB will not perform both days. With Skyline having 3 ensembles the concerts would be too long. Pioneer Symphony Band will play Saturday night this year and Sunday afternoon next year. Skyline will split the concerts.
- If there is a rehearsal or concert cancelled due to the weather it will be announced on the website first.
- David L. will be meeting with Michael Daugherty in January and John Stout on Thursday about the centennial commissions.

#### **Vice President Report– Kathy Shipan and David Baum**

- Kathy reported on the Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough sale: We had 116 students submit orders (out of around 239). We sold 917 tubs and our profit was \$5,502. Delivery and distribution went smoothly, though we may have a few extra tubs of cookie dough.
- David Baum would like to thank Kathy Shipan for taking the lead on the Cookie Dough Fundraiser and all of the volunteers!
- David Baum reported that much of Daryl Hurst's band archive inventory has been donated to the Bentley Library and they were very pleased to have these historical items.
- David Baum extends a special welcome to newcomers at the meeting. Keep watching your email, there are many ways to volunteer for the Pioneer Bands. It is a fun way to meet other band parents. We do have some board vacancies. We are looking for new co-treasurers, since Carol and Paulette are both parents of seniors. Please contact David Baum or Kathy Shipan if you would like to volunteer or if you know someone who might like to step up.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Enrichment- Bowling Party, Marie-Therese Hocott reporting**

The bowling party is this Saturday from 1pm to 3pm at Colonial Lanes. We have about 80 kids signed up so far. The cost is \$5.00 and free for VB members. There will be pizza, pop and salads provided. Lisa McKarns will be there to collect items for the Gala.

##### **Funding- Mary Teeter reporting for Zippy**

Zippy car wash coupons are in. We had 113 orders and made \$550.00. About 25 families participated in the fundraiser.

##### **Lisa McKarns reporting for Gala**

Gala is Feb. 12 at Asia City Restaurant in Ypsilanti. There have been 300 letters sent out soliciting donations. We need parents willing to help make phone calls to follow up on the letters that were 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 a \$300 cash prize. Lisa needs more baskets, especially small ones. She is using Signup Genius for pre-Gala and day of volunteers. On line bidding will start one week before. Jazz Band will play and there will be a live and silent auction.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Submitted by Bill and Jan Maxbauer, Co-Secretaries