

Pioneer Band Association Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 17, 2012

Present: David Leach, Nancy Waring, Marianne Blaesing, Kathy Shipan, David Baum, Bill Maxbauer, Jan Maxbauer, Lisa McKarns, Carolyn Hayman, Nancy Eubanks, Cathy McKenny, Susan Mihans

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

President's Report – Marianne Blaesing

Thank you to Carolyn Hayman for taking on the publicity for the Navy Band Concert. Program information is needed for the Winter Concert. There is no school on January 30 and 31st. There are scheduled band rehearsals, SB on Monday the 30th and CB on Tuesday the 31st. Do not forget! There is a Solo and Ensemble accompanist list going around that is not accurate. Nancy and David do not print a list, but they do keep track of the reputable accompanists. The kids should check with them for names. We have a Facebook page the kids are not using it.

Secretary's report – Bill and Jan Maxbauer reporting

Minutes from December 6 meeting were reviewed, and were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report – Paulette Schonsheck reporting

We are doing quite well. We had a bequest of \$14,000 from the estate of Lisa Tubbs who recently passed away. She was a band member and played for Robert Albritton. We have a good bit of cash on hand which will be spent on Tour. See attached Financial Highlights.

Directors' Reports

Nancy Waring:

- Chicago was amazing. Nancy looked for great music for Varsity Band and found 3 pieces they will hopefully be purchasing. They talked to many composers and heard a wonderful concert by the Chicago Symphony performing Mahler 6.
- Things with VB are going smoothly.
- Solo and Ensemble had great parent turnout. Nancy worked in a flute room all day and it was non-stop! Pioneer Band students did great! We had 102 division one rating for solos, 12 division two ratings for solos, 94 division one ratings for ensembles and 37 division two ratings for ensembles. A couple of kids performed for comments only.

David Leach:

- Happy New Year!
- January 31st is off for professional development. This is the week of the Winter Concert! VB is in great shape and SB and CB had good rehearsals today.
- Winter Concert is February 2nd, after that we have two weeks till mid-winter break, then 5 days till Band Festival. Band Festival is held here at Pioneer on

March 3rd and we will need many volunteers. Many of the Ann Arbor High School and Middle School Bands will be attending. Please sign up to help. Sight reading requirements have changed and we will only be required to sight read one piece of music.

- Three weeks after Band Festival is Bands in Review. CB is playing a work called Cauldron by Scott Boerma. Scott Boerma has graciously agreed to work with CB! We will also have a couple of other guests working with SB and possibly CB; Jonathan Madden, Marching Band Director and Asst. Director of Bands at Michigan State University and Dr. Mary Schneider, Director of Bands at Eastern Michigan. David is also reaching out to H. Robert Reynolds, former Director of Bands at the University of Michigan and one of the top 5 band directors in history. He lives here in Ann Arbor.
- Three days after Bands in Review is Spring Break and then two days after that we leave for our NYC Tour. Exciting news: our Carnegie Hall concert has been changed from an afternoon concert to a PRIME TIME 8:30pm Saturday night event! We are sharing the concert with two other honors groups and we are the only stand alone group. This is bad news for chaperones because after the concert we will take a 12:00am cruise and be back to the hotel for a 2:30am bed check! Hoping to move our departure time later on Sunday so the kids can sleep in a bit.
- Matriculation auditions are the first week of March. Music is out and has not changed since the 60's with the exception of the percussion audition music. There are scales and sight reading on the audition, as well. Middle School kids will audition the following week.
- Solo and Ensemble was a marvelous day. David worked in the office, troubleshooting and was in a meeting for several hours.
- Jazz Band concert tomorrow evening at 7:30pm.
- State Festival Applications are due on Thursday. Your child is eligible if they received a one at District Festivals. State Festivals is the same day as Bands in Review and take place at Chelsea High School. Ninth graders perform a solo only, 10th-12th graders do proficiencies which include solo, scales and sight reading. The requirements are more detailed for piano and percussion students.
- Peter Doyle (percussion) was featured in the Exceptional Expression ad for the Ann Arbor Public Schools in the December issue of the Observer. David Leach had it framed for Michael White's office.
- Thanks for trusting us with your children. We do appreciate it.

Vice President Report– Kathy Shipan and David Baum

- David Baum reported on car wash news in Amy Higgins' absence. We have decided not to do another Community Car Wash fundraiser; instead we will do a

traditional car wash at Pioneer in the Spring. The date we are looking at is May 5. More info to come.

- Still looking for next year's treasurers. This is a really important 2-person job for people who are good with finances. If you are interested let David Baum know. Next year is a non-tour year, making it an easier year to start. Paula and Carol would love to have the opportunity to train you before their departure.
- We also need a chaperone coordinator for this year. Jan Maxbauer has been doing this for several years and can help get you started. Jan described the job as a small job. The Chaperone Coordinator arranges chaperones for two concerts during the school year, the Winter Concert and Bands in Review. The Coordinator is given a list of people who have signed up for chaperoning and sends out a call for chaperones to that list of potential volunteers via email. Approximately eight chaperones are needed for each concert. Once the coordinator has found volunteers the coordinator communicates instructions for the chaperones via email. No phone calls are necessary!
- Kathy reported that tomorrow and Thursday she and her uniform committee will be passing out VB concert uniforms. Kids take them home and keep them for the rest of the year.

Committee Reports:

Lisa McKarns reporting for Gala

Gala is Feb. 12 at Asia City Restaurant in Ypsilanti. Lisa will be emailing a flyer to band families when she is not making zillions of phone calls requesting donations! She has 110 donations so far. The next 2 weeks will be crazy. She needs volunteers to call and solicit more donations. Ninety percent of the people are receptive to donating and are excited to help. She will be basket wrapping this Saturday 1-4 at her house, 2241 Woodview Lane. There will be a second basket wrapping day to be announced. The Live online auction will begin the night of the concert. Lisa would like to speak at the winter concert and have a couple of kids speak, as well. The auction closes the day before Gala and continues at Gala. More volunteers are needed for Gala set up between 2:00 and 5:00. Perhaps JB can help? The event starts at 5:00pm and bring family, friends, neighbors etc. We have an ACT Prep Course donated as well as Tiger Tickets and Jewelry. Kids sign up is up. Lisa has asked the SB and CB kids to give back.

Dining out nights are being arranged. The first one will be at California Pizza Kitchen in February. The bands will receive 20% of your bill when you bring in a certificate. We should have that on the website and Lisa is hoping it will go in the Winter Concert program and Gala Envelopes. Buffalo Wild Wings will be our March dining out restaurant.

She has looked into a RoosRoast Coffee Fundraiser. They offer a Scrip-like program. Lisa wants our own label. They were unsure about this.

Lisa is collecting wine donations for the instant wine cellar. Has about 2 dozen and would like 52. Wine can be dropped off at her house.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Submitted by Bill and Jan Maxbauer, Co-Secretaries

Financial Highlights Jan. 17, 2012 PBA Meeting

Income

Fundraising

Gift/Contributions	\$20,137
Cookie Dough	\$5,502
Zippy Carwash	\$805

Coming up:

Gala (Feb. 12, 2012)	Target: \$15,000
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Expense Highlights (October)

Supplemental Instruction	\$2,100
Equipment, Music and Uniforms	\$2,099
Bowling Party	\$1,071

2010-2011 Budget Highlights

Fundraising Goal	\$47,950
<i>Current fundraising total</i>	\$28,865
2011-2012 Program Support & general expenses	\$67,650
Budgeted 2011-2012 Operating Loss (four year)	-\$20,700

Assets

Bank Balance	\$69,523
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