

Pioneer Band Association Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

Present: David Leach, Nancy Waring, Marianne Blaesing, David Baum, Carol Flannagan, Paulette Schonsheck, Bill Maxbauer, Jan Maxbauer, Lisa McKarns, Carolyn Hayman, Marie Therese Hocott, Susan Mihans, Vanessa Smith, Amy Olszewski, Linda Long

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

President's Report – Marianne Blaesing

Winter Concert went off well with only a few glitches, which we can improve on next year. We spent \$900 on the concert programs and tickets for the Navy Band. Office Max gave us a nice discount and our total was \$500.00. Thank you to chaperones and Runnan Liu who took pictures. Facebook page is starting to get used. Thank you to Lisa McKarns for everything she is doing for Gala.

Secretary's report – Bill and Jan Maxbauer reporting

Minutes from January 17 meeting were reviewed, and were unanimously approved with one change; the addition of Nancy Waring to the list of attendees.

Treasurer's report – Carol Flannagan reporting

It was a relatively quiet month. JB pulled in \$500 for a gig they played in December. We will likely meet our fundraising goal. Our bank balance is \$63,199. Much of this will go to tour. The final tour cost is not settled. Do not make final payment at this point. One hundred and fifty kids are going on tour with seventeen adults. See attached Financial Highlights.

Directors' Reports

Nancy Waring:

- Very pleased with the winter concert with the exception of the lights. All bands played well and she is proud of all performers.
- We have a whirlwind of activity coming up with Festivals, Bands in Review and Orchestra Night next Thursday. Orchestra sounded amazing today.
- VB is working on Picnic Pops music now. They do not do festival. Thanks for sending her to Chicago where she was able to pick out music. Thanks also for the Pixar piece.

David Leach:

- Super happy about the winter concert; pleased with the crowd, the small ensembles, VB, JB, CB and SB.
- This Thursday Dr. Mary Schneider, Director of Bands at Eastern Michigan, will work with SB and CB. On Monday night Jonathan Madden, Marching Band Director and Asst. Director of Bands at Michigan State University, will work with SB.

- Festivals are March 3rd and we will need help. The day starts with the first band at 8am. Last group performs at 4:50. Come to sight reading! It is spectacular to watch!
- March 10th is the Navy Band performance. David is carefully rolling out the news. Get your tickets now before he releases them to the public. Arrive 30 minutes before the concert, because 15 minutes before the concert starts any empty seats will be opened up to people without tickets waiting in line. It will be crowded! It will be an amazing concert, 2 hours and 20 min. with a break.
- Saturday, March 24th is State Solo and Ensemble festivals and Bands in Review in the evening. Symphony Band does not play on Sunday.
- Three days after Spring Break we get on a bus for our NYC Tour. SB will be working with members of the NY Philharmonic, CB will work with a Broadway conductor and JB will work with someone from Jazz at Lincoln Center. Exciting news: our Carnegie Hall concert has been changed from an afternoon concert to a PRIME TIME 8:30pm Saturday night event! It will be a late night 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 second week of March. Middle School kids will audition the following week.
- David was asked to be Officer Krupke in West Side Story!
- Orchestra does commencement this year.

Vice President Report – David Baum reporting

- Thank you to everyone who has been volunteering! You are doing a great job!
- The PBA board has discussed the fact that we need database type help. If you are interested or know anyone who might be, please talk to David Baum.

Committee Reports:

Amy Olszewski reporting for Band Festival

Band Festival is March 3rd. Catherine Valas and Susan Allen are coordinating volunteers for this event. We take care of the judges and directors. We will make an Italian Café in the Guitar Room and serve lasagna, etc. We will do a small concession. There will be coffee and donuts in the morning with pizza, chips and pop starting in the late morning. Last year we had too much food leftover. VB will not be asked to donate, but they can volunteer. A flyer will go out after Gala. Volunteer sign up will be thru Google docs. There will be bagels. Lisa McKarns has two 45-cup coffee urns and a warmer for the pizza.

Lisa McKarns reporting for Gala

Gala is Feb. 12 at Asia City Restaurant in Ypsilanti and it is coming together! She has a house full of baskets with lots of great stuff. Thank you to Bart for his many hours of work getting the online auction set up! Please spread the word about the online auction and invite non-band people to come! John Dingell will attend and make a brief speech! Helen Starman is doing the certificates to go in the frames. We have 206 items for auction!! There are many great student donations. We still need volunteers to help setup and a truck is needed to get the coat racks from Pioneer to Asia City. We have 125 pre-registrations.

Dining out nights are being arranged. The first one will be at California Pizza Kitchen February 15. The bands will receive 20% of your bill when you bring in the flyer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Submitted by Bill and Jan Maxbauer, Co-Secretaries

Financial Highlights Feb. 7, 2012 PBA Meeting

Income (January)

Fundraising

Jazz Band	\$500
Gala (so far)	\$1,800

Coming up:

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

Jazz Band	\$684
Supplemental Instruction & Guest Conductor	\$925
Conferences	\$711

2011–2012 Budget Highlights

Fundraising Goal	\$47,950
<i>Current fundraising total</i>	<i>\$30,865</i>
2011–2012 Program Support & general expenses	\$67,650
Budgeted 2011–2012 Operating Loss (tour year)	-\$20,700

Assets

Bank Balance	\$63,199
Total Assets (incl. Albritton)	\$84,460