

Pioneer Band Association Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

Present: David Leach, Nancy Waring, Marianne Blaesing, Bill Maxbauer, Jan Maxbauer, Susan Mihans, Steve Mihans, Anne Gilbert, Angie Spence, Sarah Christiansen, Martha Kreutzer, Liz Cole, Carolyn Hayman, and Cathy McKinney.

Meeting called to order at 7:31; all attendees introduced themselves

President's Report – Marianne Blaesing

Welcome to all. Year feels slow since there is no tour and we have great volunteers. The directory is coming. All forms are in and this should be finished soon.

Secretary's report – Bill and Jan Maxbauer reporting

Minutes from September 25, 2012 meeting were reviewed, and were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report – Susan Mihans reporting

- Susan shared expenses from the picnic which were \$1,202.49 (hot dogs/hamburgers, buns, condiments, tents, grills, park rental fee) The costs were up this year (the charge for the use of Allemendinger increased), but we did sell \$430 worth of apparel.
- The only other expense this month was \$122.91 for flowers for senior night.
- Susan and Steve opened a CD and put in the surplus \$10,000 from band camp. We will owe this to the schools in July. In the meantime, it will earn 0.03% interest.

Directors' Reports

Nancy Waring:

- Varsity Band is inside and doing a great job! Nancy is doing drills to determine capabilities. Music is posted for chair auditions and they are working on how to practice.
- We think marching season is done and we have collected most everything. Nancy is looking forward to tomorrow; the first day with concert instruments for CB and SB.
- She and David L. attended the funeral of Jeff Nerenz. He was a 2004 grad and he died of bone cancer. It was a sad day.

David Leach:

- Marching season was great! Thank you for sitting in the rain and supporting your children! It was a super brief season - 3 weeks! Kids have been great and they were very spirited! At the last game, the kids came back during the 3rd quarter (due to rain) and ate dinner in the band room. David had to kick them out- they were having such a great time.
- We have a couple of social events during the year, but there is interest in more! We are going to have a "Band Ball" on February 9th at Cobblestone Farm. There will be tickets sold to cover the cost of the DJ and Cobblestone. He will need a check from PBA for \$845 to secure the location, but PBA will be reimbursed. It will be a formal event and there will be lots of rules! He might need help from the PBA with chaperoning.

- CB and SB are excited to get to the concert repertoire.
- Chair auditions will go up at the end of next week and will happen at the beginning of November. Results will be posted right before Thanksgiving. David is not a fan of auditioning over and over again. Challenges get too personal and he doesn't want that to mar their band experience. This is their only chair audition of the year. They record the auditions.
- Band camp dates have been decided for next year. They are 99% sure the dates are August 6-12, 2013. This is the first week and the "original" groups will go then. They are Pioneer and Huron Bands and Choirs. All orchestras and the Skyline groups will go the following week. There is still some posturing going on for a different outcome.
- Bands in Review dates are set. They are Tuesday, March 19 (at Huron High School) and Saturday, March 23. Pioneer groups will perform on March 23. The performance will be at Pioneer. State Solo and Ensemble Festivals are the same day.
- We will be hosting Band Festivals March 2.
- District Solo and Ensemble forms go out tomorrow and are due October 25th. One check per sheet please. Check should be made out to PBA. The date for Solo and Ensemble this year is January 12th which is 6 days after winter break - plan accordingly! Question was asked about choosing music and do band directors help? David suggested using your private teacher to help with music selection.
- All State times are not posted yet. The dates are October 27 and 28. This is not required for the kids, but they are encouraged to audition. Audition times will also be posted on MSBOA.org.
- THANK YOU for encouraging your kids to participate in the music program!

VP's Report – Marianne Blaesing reporting for Kathy Shipan and David Baum

- We want to give a big shout out to all the band parents who have helped out already this year with Band Picnic, Uniforms, Marching Escort and Hospitality Teams. It is wonderful having such a large number of parents offer their enthusiastic willingness to jump in to help, including a record number of freshmen parents! We especially want to thank the chairs of these groups: Jamie Martin with the Band Picnic, Lori Buiteweg with the Marching Escort, and Lisa Jibson, Alison Battersby, and Marie-Therese Hocott with the Uniform team.
- The upcoming events that we will be looking for parent involvement in will be more uniform distributions, cookie dough sales, and coffee sales. Stay tuned for details. We thank parents in advance for their help!

Committee Reports:

Funding - Raleigh Sadlier and Suzanne Ross were not in attendance. Marianne reported that brochures for the cookie sale go home on Thursday and they have met with Bear Claw Coffee. The folks there are very excited about helping us with a fundraiser. Question was asked as to how many fundraisers we do? We do 4 major fundraisers; cookie sale, coffee sale, gala and car wash.

New Business -

- Marianne reported that Lori Buiteweg and she are very concerned about the safety of our children when marching to and from the stadium on game nights. We need to rethink procedures. David Leach mentioned that AAPS took away our Police Officer

and that has caused problems. The Band leaves early to avoid these problems and Nancy walks ahead with a megaphone, which helps. By the way, we need a new megaphone!

- A question was asked about how the minutes from these meetings are distributed. The secretaries said they are posted on the band website after they are approved at the subsequent meeting.
- A question was asked about tour and David Leach reminded us that each family will have a vote in where we go. Several options will be posted online in the spring and we will decide then. The tour will take place in the Spring or Summer of 2014. Symphony Band will likely go abroad and Concert Band will stay close by. This is because the hotels in Europe and elsewhere are smaller and cannot accommodate the larger group.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Submitted by Bill and Jan Maxbauer, Co-Secretaries