

Pioneer Band Association Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

Present: David Leach, Nancy Waring, Marianne Blaesing, Bill Maxbauer, Jan Maxbauer, Susan Mihans, David Baum, Bart Polot, Anne Gilbert, Carolynn Hayman, Raleigh Sadlier, Cynthia Bogen, Amy Olszewski and Cathy McKinney.

Meeting called to order at 7:38; all attendees introduced themselves

President's Report – Marianne Blaesing

Welcome to all. The band directory is in final approval stage. It has been brutal getting it done this year. The forms were very hard to read. Very important to get this online next year! A gmail account was set up and the first email letter went yesterday. Evening rehearsals are about to begin. SB has their first on Nov. 26 and VB starts on Nov. 28. Jazz Band has a rehearsal Dec. 3rd and concert on the 4th. The bowling party is Dec. 8. Please keep an eye on the band website calendar!

Secretary's report – Bill and Jan Maxbauer reporting

Minutes from October 9, 2012 meeting were reviewed, and were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report – Susan Mihans reporting

- Susan shared cookie sale information. The total profit for this year is \$5,418, which is very similar to last year.
- Recent expenses include a late bill from Interlochen for \$420 for the ice cream social, Copier Maintenance of \$510, Band Ball deposit of \$845 and an unusually large Uniform Cleaning charge of \$1,092. This bill included an unpaid bill from 2011.
- David Leach filled us in on the copier. It is very old and Konica/Minolta said they are not going to repair it any more. David thinks it can last a year, but it will need replacing. The B wing has a copier, but it is heavily used and would not be practical for the band to use on a regular basis.
- There was a question as to the Uniform Cleaning bill and it is possible that Iris Cleaners had paid the 2011 bill. Susan should check with Myung Choi at Iris to see what her records show.
- see attached Treasurer's report

Directors' Reports

Nancy Waring:

- We are almost done with VB auditions. She will be posting results tomorrow or the next day. CB and SB results will be posted next Tuesday.
- On Monday and Tuesday the music department listened to 25 students audition to play a concerto in March with our Symphony Orchestra. The Concerto Concert is possibly her favorite event of the year. It is quite a journey from choosing a piece, preparing the piece, managing time, rehearsing with accompanist to the performance. Results will be announced on Friday.
- Symphony Band needs to turn in their marching hats.

David Leach:

- We are in the thick of stuff now! Our first SB Monday night rehearsal is the Monday after Thanksgiving.
- December 4th is the MSU Jazz Band and Pioneer Jazz Band concert. MSU had a great time last year and wanted to come back. It would be great to fill the house. We are booked in Schrieber, but may move to the Little Theater.
- He and Nancy will be attending the Midwest Music Conference in Chicago. This is purely band and orchestra education. David will be looking at tour options for next year. He would like to thank PBA for the financial support, making it possible for he and Nancy to attend this year.
- December 9 Jazz Band will perform at Cliff Bells in Detroit.
- Encourage your kids to come to the bowling party on December 8.
- Band camp dates have been decided for next year. They are August 6-12, 2013. This is the first week and only Pioneer groups will be in attendance. All Huron and Skyline groups will go the following week. We will reevaluate at the end of camp.
- 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.
- Finally there is some talk about pushing Pioneer to the trimester format. This would be devastating to the music department. No Grammy schools are trimester format. Kids will be forced out of music one trimester and it will decimate our program. If you know board members please send a calm, courteous email expressing your concern about the trimester format. This would be super helpful. Both block scheduling and trimester formats have been suggested before, but these suggestions were dismissed.
- THANK YOU for encouraging your kids to participate in the music program!

VP's Report – David Baum reporting

- Thank you to volunteers Ralieg Sadlier and Anne Gilbert for their work on the cookie dough sale and we think the coffee sale has great potential.
- Amy Higgins and Helen Starman have laid the groundwork for Gala. It will be different this year, but hopefully more manageable in the years to come. There will be no auction. It will take place at Zingerman's Roadhouse, a great venue with wonderful food. The focus will be on the kids with performances and the option to make donations to the program.
- Thank you, thank you to all volunteers.

Committee Reports:

Enrichment - Cynthia Bogen reporting on the bowling party. The date is Dec 8th from 12:30-2:30. It is free for VB and \$5.00 for SB and CB members. PBA subsidizes the rest of the cost. She is going to make a flier to pass out at school. Band families are asked to send in desserts, there were not enough last year. Cynthia wondered about kids signing up perhaps on line and it was suggested an in school poster board sign up is best. The kids like to see who is going.

Funding - Raleigh Sadlier reporting on the coffee sale. The folks at Bear Claw are very excited about helping us with this fundraiser. We think it is going to be a great ongoing

fundraiser. We will offer the following coffee for sale: whole bean or ground, decaf, hazelnut and hazelnut decaf. We are also looking at ordering 612 mugs. The sale price of these items was discussed and those attending the meeting voted to sell coffee for \$10 (12 oz), mugs for \$8 and the combo nicely packaged in cellophane for \$18.00. The sale will start next Tuesday, November 20 with delivery on December 14. This will be in time for Christmas and to catch the last couple days of Hanukkah. We receive 30% of all sales. We are also going to offer gift cards.

New Business -

- Amy Olszewski reporting on MSU JB concert on the 4th of Dec. She has a flier she will be sending out and she wanted to know if PBA would contribute \$100 again this year toward food for the MSU Jazz Band. The board quickly decided this would be fine.
- Amy also reported about Band Festivals. It is possible she will not be here for Festival. She would like a parent to shadow her and be available that day in case she is not. Concessions were discussed. Last year it was a lot of work, we had a lot leftover and we only made \$400. What is the goal, is it to make money or serve people? Leach said it is not about making money. David Baum thought we could streamline and simplify the food to make it easier and not have so many leftovers. Perhaps just sell coffee, donuts and bagels.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Submitted by Bill and Jan Maxbauer, Co-Secretaries

TREASURER'S REPORT HIGHLIGHTS FOR OCTOBER, 2012

INCOME

Cookie Sale

Gross Sales \$11,904

Profit to PBA \$4,761

Contributions in lieu of cookies \$657

**TOTAL COOKIE SALES/DONATIONS RELATED TO COOKIE SALE
\$5,418**

(Cookie sale profit 2011 \$5,502)

EXPENSES

Band Camp \$420 (Late bill from Interlochen for ice cream social)

Uniform Cleaning \$1,092 (Unpaid bill from dry cleaner from 2011 along with the usual dry cleaning fee paid at this time of year)

Band Ball Deposit \$845

Copier Maintenance \$510