

PIONEER BAND ASSOCIATION

Meeting minutes
September 29, 2015

PRESENT: Anne Gilbert, Diane Knibbs, Jennifer Bruey, Nancy Waring, David Leach, Allison Housner, Monica Turenne, Jennifer Nason Davis, Sarah Boylan, Kristen DiBlassio, Trixi Packmohr, Amy Higgins, Cathy Miller, Chris Miller, Pat Blackwell, Stacey Pakela, Pam Wright, Suzanne Ross, Charlotte Dodd, Laura Hirshbein, Peretz Hirshbein, Laura Stubbs, Kim Palfey, Terry Haley, Jared Throneberry, Joan Hawki, Carrie Scott, Camille Flores, Paul Dodd, Sara Hettmer
Greg Kostin.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Suzanne Ross

- *Introductions

- * Band calendar is now posted on the website with changes

- *Band Handbook will soon be on the website, paper copies are available from directors

- *Zingerman's Bakehouse has requested student volunteers to label products and in return, Zingerman's will pay the band \$1,000.00. SignUpGenius has been sent to families to elicit volunteers, 27 of 30 slots have been filled for the 12-3pm slot, 17 of 30 slots have been filled for the 2-4 slot. Please sign up for 2-4 slot. Suzanne will check if parents are able sign up.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Anne Gilbert

- *Many e-mail challenges this year. Google has changed their policies and we have been unable to send large group e-mails. Anne has switched the e-mail list to Mail Chimp. Please read PBA mailings from Mail Chimp

RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT: Allison Housner

- *Meeting minutes will be available on PBA website as soon as possible after each general meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Amy Higgins and Stacey Pakela

- *Fundraising – Expectation: every family in the band to raise \$100 through fundraising efforts. Encouraging all families to participate in fundraising and not just write a check. All bands benefit from the fundraising efforts. For example, Varsity Band benefits from sectional teachers, uniforms, cleaning, music.

- *Idea on how to sell popcorn! OCTOBER 10 AND 17 we have acquired the space in front of the electronic sign to sell popcorn. A sign up genius will be sent out for volunteers.

- *Band Picnic this Saturday, Oct 3, 12-3. Please sign up for number of people attending and volunteer for set up, runners, photos and break down. Orchestra is having a

car wash that date, please support. Also, there will be no parking in the teacher lot on that day.

- *Apparel has a new chair, Diane Guzek. She will be at the picnic with samples of apparel. We are hoping to have the apparel sales on line soon.

- *Bowling Party at Revel and Roll (old Colonial Lanes) on Jan 9, 2016. We are looking for someone who would be interested in heading up a small committee for this event. Varsity Band does not have to pay for this event.

- *"Fundraising Think tank" We are looking for any new fundraising ideas and ways to do current fundraising events better.

- *New chairs: PTO Thrift shop – Monica Turenne
Senior night – Sara Hettmer, Cynthia Duncan
Bandquet Coordinator – Terry Haley

DIRECTORS REPORTS:

Nancy Waring –

- *The bands are off to a great start!

- *Varsity band has been inside 2 weeks and are very good! Working on exercises, tempo's, teaching students how to practice, fundamentals. VB has been given five pieces of music. There will be a pre-test written and a recording. This is then played back to students at a later date and is very effective on demonstrating how well the students have improved.

Currently VB has 14 flutes, 4 oboes, 10 clarinets, (need more), 10 alto sax, 24 trumpets. Varsity band has a great attitude, talented and fun to work with!

David Leach –

- *Concert and Symphony bands are off to a great start. We have had two marching games.

- *SB/CB music went out to the students

- *Wind Ensemble is starting 7am every Thursday

- *Auditions for all bands will be late October/early November

- * Winter concert is in December this year

- *January Pioneer will host Solo and Ensemble. Last Sat in Jan and first Sat in Feb. All C and B halls will be occupied, gym will store equipment. Will need parents and children to volunteer. There is a chance to make money for the bands in concessions and apparel.

- *Directors are very grateful for parents encouragement of their kids to be involved in the music program.

- * Pioneer will be running for the Grammy again 2016

- *Kenzie Slottow – Flute, releasing a CD, support if able <http://kck.st/10DAM26>

- *Question from parent: Why does Marching Band leave the field early, (prior to the end of the game?) Mr. Leach explained the safety issues of having the band march from the field to the band room, traffic, need to get kids safe prior to patrons leaving the game.