

**PIONEER BAND ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
April 11, 2006**

ATTENDANCE: In attendance: David Leach, Nancy Waring, Gail Stout, Denise Johnson, Meena Khankari, Karen Smith-Krass, Matt Cahill, Anne Bednar, Renae Rosencrans, Denise Held, Jean Wedemeyer, Karen Field, John Field, Corrinne Nair, Susan Washabaugh, Dorothy Dupuy, Marvin Wagner, Venessa Smith , (unable to read one entry)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm, PBA President Gail Stout presiding.

Special Announcements

Retirement Party: The Marijean Quigley-Young retirement party is to be held May 21, 1 to 3 P.M. at the Michigan League Ballroom.

Possible Fundraiser: Beth Kalbfleisch, Marketing Specialist for Applebee's, made a presentation and distributed flyers concerning the "Dining to Donate" fundraising program sponsored by the company.

President's Report:

Gail greeted the attendees and asked for introductions.

Website: Please check the Website for updates and changes. If your e-mail address has changed then let Gail know.

Concert Band Tour: Forms are still outstanding for the Toronto Tour, please turn in all forms.

Symphony Band Tour: A mandatory meeting is to be held May 2nd for the Austria Tour. Meena is a notary and will be present to notarize forms if necessary. Forward any questions you have concerning the trip to Gail and she will pass those on to the travel agent.

Notes: Thursday is the deadline for the submission of material.

Picnic Pops: Gail announced the need for volunteers to help with e-mail. Please let Gail know if you're available to help. The prior published schedule for the day was wrong and a new one will be posted on the Web.

Senior Photos: Karen Field made a request for recent and baby photos of seniors. Also, if you have any pictures from this year please send to Karen.

Centennial Project 2014: Gail, speaking for Daryl Hurst, said the Website continues to evolve, check it out. Daryl has done many interviews in the last month for the Centennial Project.

Thrift Shop: Gail gave an update on Thrift Shop. She stated they have moved to S. Industrial, the payout has been completed, and they don't know when the next payout will be made.

Grammy Concert: Set up help is needed for the Grammy Concert at 10 A.M. on May 30th. Please let Gail know if you can help.

Austria Tour: A Symphony Band parent has made a request that something be put together concerning the history of Dauchau since the students will be visiting the historic site during Tour. If you are interested in helping with this please see Gail.

Minutes Approved: Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Meena Khankari presented the current report.

Committee Reports:

Band Banquet: Denise Johnson, chair of the Annual Band Banquet, stated the banquet would be held on May 8th and volunteers were needed for set up and clean up. She also stated she needs volunteers to meet at her house on April 24th for some preliminary work. Please let Denise know if you can help.

Band Room Improvements: Jean Wedemeyer stated a presentation was made to the AAPS Board of Education concerning the problems with the band room. A follow-up meeting was held with Phil McConnell, Director of Facilities. Mr. McConnell had an architect look at the situation. The architect stated a new band room would be a better solution than removing the risers. Another meeting with Mr. McConnell has been set for April 27th (this date may change).

Directors Reports:

Nancy Waring, Associate Director of Pioneer Bands, stated that it has been a very busy year and thanked everyone for all the help. Varsity Band is getting ready for Picnic Pops and it is starting to come together. The pieces have been chosen by the students.

David Leach, Director of Pioneer Bands, stated the students gave an amazing performance at the WMU Spring Conference. Michael Daugherty joined the group for dinner. The Concert Band is ready for the Toronto Tour. They have tickets for "Lord of the Rings", will go to *Medieval Times* for dinner and tour on the *Maid of the Mist*. Symphony Band will receive a "care package" with different symbols and a tour shirt. Symphony Band has been very professional with the amount of work they have had to handle. After Picnic Pops Symphony will only be working on the Tour performance. The Grammy Concert will be at Hill Auditorium on May 30th and the "special guest" is still unknown. This has been one of the busiest years he has ever participated in and everyone has worked very hard. Mr. Leach announced that due to recent changes in Grammy regulations the program can not apply for the Grammy for three years.

Annual Meeting:

Annual Reports: Annual reports were presented.

Annual Budget: Next year's budget was presented and approved.

Election of Officers: Elections were held. All officers were reinstated: Gail Stout – President, Denise Johnson – Vice President, Meena Khankari – Treasurer, Karen Smith-Krass - Secretary

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Smith-Krass

Pioneer Band Association Secretary