

# PIONEER BAND ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

November 14, 2006

**ATTENDANCE:** In attendance: Holli Bertram, Sally Brieloff, Chris Campbell, Evelyn Daugherty, Dorothy Dupuy, Karen Field, Roma Gianchandi, Daryl Hurst, Denise Johnson, Meena Khankari, David Leach, Jan Maxbauer, Alyssa Novak, Ann Novak, Barton Polot, Yopie Prins, Renae Rosencrans, Howie Saulles, Gail Stout, Stephen Sullivant, Dan Walsh, Nancy Waring, Susan Washabaugh, Jean Wedemeyer, Cheryl White, Gordon White, Gloria Wilson, Nina Yamakado,

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

### **Presidents Report:**

Gail Stout greeted the parents and thanked all the volunteers involved in activities for the past month.

**Web:** Check the Web for important announcements concerning any changes in rehearsal times.

**PBA Volunteers:** Volunteers have stepped forward for the presidency for next year. Volunteers still needed to fill officer positions for next year, as senior parents will be leaving with their students!

### **Secretary's Report:**

Karen Smith-Krass is absent. Minutes approved. Motion KAREN FIELD, Second SALLY BRIELOFF

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Meena Khankari asked that parents be careful to check amounts and signatures when writing checks. Treasurer's report approved.

### **Past President/Band Alumni Association/Webmaster/Centennial Project Report:**

**Band Alumni:** Daryl Hurst stated that Homecoming alumni attendance was sparse this year and that we may need to rethink how Homecoming could work better. Nearly 50 had shown up by halftime, but the pre-game performance was not possible for most of them due to school, rehearsal, and work obligations. Any suggestions on improvements should go to Daryl. A parent commented that Senior Parents also did not get fully recognized during the senior show. Mr Leach indicated that the show length was too long and the senior section was rushed. This will be addressed with more attention in 2007.

**Webmaster:** Daryl Hurst asked members to check the website and ask him for anything more that you want to see. Send photos and other memories and memorabilia so that the website can be everything it should be.

**Centennial Project** is going well. Last year's winner of the Reflections of Excellence Award was Director of Bands Emeritus Clarence Roth. This year at Winter Concert we will be honoring WILLIAM CHAMPION. Daryl gave a brief biography of Mr. Champion and his history with the Pioneer Bands.

### **Directors Reports:**

**Associate Director of Bands Nancy Waring** reported that Pioneer Symphony Concerto Auditions had taken place today and that results would be coming soon. She indicated that band students did very well in the competition.

She was happy to announce that Varsity Band auditions were complete, and that Chair Audition results would be posted tomorrow. She said that when students are put into their correct chair positions that the music would become more comfortable for them.

Varsity Band's December 6<sup>th</sup> combined rehearsal will be 6-8 pm. Students have been repeatedly reminded of this rehearsal date and time. The combined rehearsal is always exciting. She urges parents to make sure their students are ready for rehearsal by 5:50 pm. She indicated that students are practicing hard and playing very well.

**Director of Bands David A. Leach** reported that Concert & Symphony Band Chair Auditions were almost completed, and he hoped to have results posted right after Thanksgiving. He reminded parents that chair auditions are no different than job interviews and the experience is a life lesson which will serve the students well. Gail Stout commented that her husband, a composer & arranger, told their daughter that composers don't write third trumpet parts for the least skilled trumpet player. Composers writes parts so that they will be heard, and all parts are important pieces of the whole work.

He announced that the Jazz Band would be performing at The Firefly Club with the Paul Keller Orchestra on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Symphony Band will be performing the Hindemith Symphony and is doing very well with the other repertoire in the short time since marching band season ended. The Symphony Band will be working with several guest conductors throughout the year.

Concert Band is moving through literature very quickly, and Mr. Leach has arranged for EMU Director of Bands Scott Boerma to work with the Concert Band on his new work "Cauldron".

Mr. Leach announced that the design and purchase of the new Marching Band Uniforms is going well, and displayed the final designs. The purchasing process will begin soon, and the uniforms will be in place for the 2007 Marching Band season. The current Symphony Band marching uniforms will go to the Concert Band, and the current 40-year old Concert Band uniforms will be donated to the Theatre department for use as costumes.

Reminder to parents that District Solo & Ensemble Festival is two days after Winter Concert in February.

Mr. Leach reminded parents that the Band Gala & Auction is essential to the success of the band program. He hopes that the Gala & Auction will produce enough income for us to eliminate any future Candy Sales.

The appearance at the November Board of Education Meeting has been moved to November 29<sup>th</sup>. A jazz combo will play, and students and parents will speak to the Trustees.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Bowling Party:** Gail announced that, as last year, the Bowling Party will be \$2.00 per Concert & Symphony Band member, and that Varsity Band members will get in free. The party is 1-3 pm on January 13<sup>th</sup> at BelMark Lanes.

**Winter Concert Publicity:** Gail asked for help doing personal invitations to VIPs for our Winter Concert, as well as help to publicize it in the Ann Arbor News and Observer and on the area radio stations.

**Band Handbook:** Gail announced that because the District Calendar is already published for next year, we can (for the first time in several years), print the Band Handbook in time for Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation at Bands In Review in March. However, that will mean that we will incur costs for two sets

of handbooks within ONE fiscal year, which then would be alleviated the following year. As the time approaches, costs will be reported to the membership.

**Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation:** We need to create a committee to run this essential aspect of the organization. If you're interested, please contact Gail.

**PBA Notes:** Our new PBA newsletter editor is freshman parent Kathy Toy-Nao, who will have the next issue out very soon! Gail thanked her for stepping up to help.

**Picnic Pops:** Chris Campbell told the membership that Picnic Pops is a great way to volunteer. The committee has surveyed students, directors and parents on games, and will outreach to community as the event becomes closer. Watch your e-mail or PBA Notes for requests for help. Mr. Leach commented that there will also be an "Antiques Market" going on in a tent on the corner of Main & Stadium; with hope the "antiquers" will ADD to the Picnic Pops experience. Chris concluded with the announcement that the first organizational meeting will happen later in the year.

**Senior Activities:** Jean Wedemeyer has submitted the OMEGA Yearbook Ad, including the funny group photo taken during the combined Concert/Symphony Band marching show in October. Denise Johnson indicated that those Band Photo orders should be back in a week or two.

**Uniform Team:** Mr. Leach reminded all that hats & spats were due TODAY. If a student is in a college Honors Band and needs a marching uniform, he/she should contact the Uniform Team immediately.

**Fundraising Committee:** Gail reported that the single evening Potbelly's fundraiser earned \$472.50, and that we are doing VERY well on our fundraising for the first year of our two-year cycle: We earned \$5,000 more than expected in our car wash, and \$3,000 more than expected in our candy sale. Well done, everyone!

**Gala & Auction:** Karen Field indicated that our goal is to make \$30,000. The committee has decided on a new auctioneer after attending the March of Dimes Dinner & Auction. The MC of our event will be an area radio personality (and Pioneer Band parent). Family Affair Theme Baskets for the auction are due on January 6<sup>th</sup>. We still need help collecting auction items. Over 400 letters have been sent so far, but we need help with follow-up. Having the Grammy award will help; more businesses should donate because of name recognition and repetition in having the auction annually. Next month, Karen will bring information about tickets to the meeting.

Auction items can include pie a month, services like jazz band, hair cuts, meals for an evening, dorm room kit, etc. Ads can also be sold.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Gloria Wilson**

Pioneer Band Association Secretary Pro-Tem