

**PIONEER BAND ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
December 12, 2006**

ATTENDANCE: In attendance: David Leach, Nancy Waring, Gail Stout, Meena Khankari, Karen Smith, Nina Yamakado, Brian Fowlkes, Maureen Lanseur, Barton Polot, Karen Field, John Field, Daryl Hurst, Gloria Wilson, Sharon VanRiper, Paul Bush, Steve Sullivant, Renae Rosencrans, David Wallner, Cheryl White, Sally Brieloff, Ahmad Zeort, Holli Bertram, Denise Held, Susan Washabaugh, Chris Campbell

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 volunteers involved in PBA activities.

Missing Instrument: A student's sax is missing from the band room. Please check at home to see if the instrument was accidentally brought home.

Date Conflict: The Ann Arbor Public Schools has scheduled music scholarship auditions for the same day as Solo and Ensemble, February 3rd. Expect a date change for the music scholarships.

PBA Family in Need: A Band family has found itself in financial need due to an illness and recent layoff. The family has made a modest request for help with utility bills and small gifts. If you are interested in helping then please send your donations to David Wallner or send it into class in a sealed envelope.

Alumni Suggestion: Ms. Stout asked if mailing invitations for the Winter Concert or Picnic Pops to alumni which would include requests for scholarship donations was a good idea. There would be a cost for the mailings. A short discussion followed.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report approved.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes approved.

Directors Reports:

Nancy Waring, Associate Director of the Pioneer Bands, described the Varsity Band's rehearsal night as one of enthusiasm with students even showing up early to help. The over 137 students played very well. Student's Solo and Ensemble pieces should be ready before the winter break; make sure there is an original for the judges and contact an accompanist. Ms. Waring explained she is currently seeking requests from the students regarding Picnic Pop pieces.

David Leach, Director of the Pioneer Bands, stated the Jazz Band played wonderfully at the Firefly Club and were invited back. Also, New Horizons Tour and Travel have requested the Jazz Band to play at a corporate function. Shawn Dobbins will be playing at the Winter Concert. During chair auditions, Mr. Leach stated he was able to use a program to record the auditions, convert those recordings to iTunes, and then play each on the iPod in order to compare student. Chair positions have been posted. Symphony Band is currently practicing for the Winter Concert. Michael Haithcock, Director of Bands at the University of Michigan, will be conducting "Molly on the Shore" by Percy Grainger during Bands in Review. Scott Boerma, from EMU, has written "Cauldron" which will be performed by the Concert Band. He has been invited to conduct Concert Band at Picnic Pops. Mr. Leach announced that if District Festival is to be held at another school then Pioneer will not be attending. Mr. Leach stated he is in the process of having new Symphony Band marching uniforms designed. The proposal has been written and when approved will be sent out for bid. Whatever company is chosen will present mockups of the uniforms before a decision is made. The School Board presentation was great. A presentation on the Austria tour was given.

Committee Reports:

Bowling Party: The Bowling Party will be held on January 13th at the Bel Mark Lanes from 1 to 2 P.M.

PBA Notes: PBA Notes will be mailed at the end of next week

Band Photos: The information for Symphony and Concert Band Group photos is posted in the hall in case anyone still needs to place an order.

PTSO Thrift Shop: Denise Held explained the signup process for work hours at the PTSO Thrift Shop has changed. A lottery will now be held. If you are interested then you can turn in your name, phone number, and the shift that you want to the Thrift Shop.

Gala: Karen Field announced Gala letters with tickets were being sent to PBA families. All families are expected to sell two tickets. Information on reservations is on the back of the ticket. Letters have also been sent out to 300 alumni families. Baskets are due January 6th. Ms. Field gave a useful reminder that if traveling during the holidays don't forget to ask for donations. (Donation letters are available.) Ms. Field also stated some wonderful items have already been collected including: Tiger tickets, a signed baseball, a book signed by President Jimmy Carter, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Smith-Krass
Pioneer Band Association Secretary