

Pioneer Band Association
Minutes
September 11, 2007

Attendance: David Leach, Nancy Waring, Gloria Wilson, Holli Bertram, Barton Polot, Denise Johnson, Renae Rosencrans, Chris Campbell, Kathy Toy-Nao, Lisa Saulles, Ann Novak, Trupti Kulkarni, Paul Bush, Mary Bush, Vanessa Smith, Susan Shields, Cheryl White, Cathy Morgan, Karen Smith, Avery Demond, Imogen Giles, Tom Mayne, Jeanne Burnside, Karen Haddlesy, Veronique Liem, Aprille McKay, Maureen Lanseur, Janet Fisher, Carol Holden, Sally Brieloff, Karen Field, David Wallner, Nina Yamakado, Robin Hess, Paula Fader-Garff, Nora Schankin, Kris Park, Janene Centurione, Ann Curtis, Alex Bielajew, Mary Topham, Orest Mykolenko, Tom McKarns, Marlone Hall, Martha Hall, Stephen Sullivant, Karen Florka, Mary Teeter, Donna Whitney.

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

President's Report: Gloria Wilson introduced the new board and greeted parents. Gloria described the purpose of the Pioneer Band Association (PBA), which is to support the bands and our kids.

Volunteers: Already this year, the PBA has 353 volunteers. Thank you! More help is needed, however. Please sign-up as a volunteer if you haven't already. This is a tough year, so fundraising, always an important part of our mission, is even more important. There are still openings on several committees – the Alumni Band and Gala committee vacancies are especially important to fill.

Band Directory: Work is progressing on the band directory and it should be handed out to your student in late September.

Website: Check the website frequently for updated information on the bands. Email is a good way to contact Gloria.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from June 12th, 2007 were approved with the following amendments:

1. Mid-Michigan Music Conference should be changed to Michigan Music Conference.
2. The minutes should note that Gail Stout read the Picnic Pops report for Chris Campbell.

Treasurer's Report: Barton Polot expressed gratitude for Mena Khankari's past work as PBA treasurer. A balance sheet was presented. Our current balance is \$65,000. Including the Albritton fund, our total assets are \$85,000. The financial report was approved.

Historian/Webmaster's Report: Gloria Wilson read the report for (absent) Daryl Hurst. Over the summer, 2 new laptops were purchased for Pioneer Bands. Thanks to Steve Sullivant for help with the website.

Director's Reports:

Nancy Waring, Associate Director of Bands: Ms. Waring's very excited about the coming year and states that we're off to a really good start. The Varsity band is working on marching. Ms. Waring reported that it's fun to watch those who went to band camp – they're the leaders and eager to help the other students. There are approximately 375 students in Varsity band. This is the largest Varsity Band we've had since Ms. Waring's been here. Parent help is sincerely appreciated.

David Leach, Director of Bands: Mr. Leach states we're in for a busy year which is good because busy children are happy children.

The Marching Season: Yom Kippur begins next Friday and there is also a home football game. Kick-off is at 4pm. Symphony band kids may leave after half-time to celebrate the holiday with family.

Senior Night is October 12th. The Concert band will march with Symphony that night.

During the Pioneer/Huron game, both the Pioneer and Huron bands will march. The bands pick fun themes for this half-time show. This year (in recognition of the year '07) the theme is 007 – music from James Bond.

Band Escorts are vitally important to protect the band as they move to and from the stadium. The band leaves the game during the 4th quarter so that they can cross the parking lot safely before the lots begin to empty out.

The Concert Season: Following marching season, the bands will dig right into our concert music. Audition music parameters will be given, followed by chair auditions. Mr. Leach gave highlights of the coming year.

Committee Reports:

Enrichment

Apparel: Cheryl White reported that sales have been sparse. The band is working on getting a new logo for clothing. Order forms will be at the band picnic, up on the web page and will be passed out to kids. Clothing sales are not a big profit maker. They are made available so kids and families can show support for the bands.

Band Picnic: Veronique Liem reported that this year's Band Picnic will be September 29th at Almendinger Park. Even though the picnic is on the day of the Homecoming Dance, this shouldn't be a problem – there is plenty of time to come to the picnic and the dance! Please see Veronique if you'd like to help. The picnic is held rain or shine.

Hydration Team: No report.

Marching Band Escorts: Karen Smith-Krass reported that while 30 people have signed up to volunteer, only 9 have returned her phone call to them. She would like to double up on the number of parent escorts for this first game, so please call her! Karen reminded us that this is a very important duty. We protect the kids before and after the game.

PBA NOTES Newsletter: Kathy Toy-Nao reported that we will have our first official issue at the end of this month. Contact info for all board members and the directors will be in the newsletter.

Senior Activities: Renae Rosencrans explained that Senior Activities Committee involves planning a few activities that occur over the year. One of these is the year book ad, another is Senior Recognition Night. If you'd like to help, please contact Renae.

Uniform team: David Leach reported that Symphony band has new uniforms this year. Concert band will get the old uniforms. The uniform team has been working hard – the new uniforms haven't arrived yet, so Symphony band will march in old uniforms for first game. The team will also start fitting for concert uniforms. Most of old uniforms will go to theater guild. A suggestion was made to auction off an old uniform at Gala.

Funding

Candy Sale: David Leach reported that each child will be expected to sell one box of candy. This is a decrease from the two boxes expected in the past. Profit from any additional boxes sold will go into that child's account and can count toward tour. Each box nets \$26 in profit.

PTSO Thrift Shop: Mary Topham explained that working at the Thrift Shop is a great way to offset camp and tour costs. Anyone in the family can sign up for a 2 hour shift. The shop is located on South Industrial. Every Sunday the sign-up sheets for the next week are available in the shop. Payout is currently about \$8.00 an hour. The shop is open 12-5pm on Sundays, 9am - 7pm on weekdays and Saturdays.

Car Wash: David Wallner announced this is his last year heading the car wash and he would like a volunteer to co-chair this year to learn the job.. The car wash is on October 20th, with a rain date of the 21st. The majority of work in this fund raiser is done by the kids. The kids get pledges for each car washed in our free car wash. The kids also sign up to work one of four shifts washing cars. 4-5 adults are need to supervise each of the shifts - about 25-30 people total. The car wash is held in the parking lot of Pioneer. This is a fun fund-raiser!

Band Gala and Auction: Karen Field described Gala as a major fundraiser that both celebrates our program and showcases our bands. The February 10th event at the Four Points Sheraton will include food, entertainment and a live and silent auction. Tickets are \$30. Getting the word out about this event is very important. Karen would like a volunteer to shadow her and learn the job as this is her last year. There are lots of other opportunities to volunteer, also, so please call Karen if you're willing to help!

New Business: No new business

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 8, 2007. Mandatory Tour Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Holli Bertram
Pioneer Band Secretary