

PIONEER BAND ASSOCIATION MINUTES

11/13/07

Attendance: Gloria Wilson, Bill Maxbauer, Steve Sullivant, Nair Matsuo, Denise Johnson, Holli Bertram, David Leach, Nancy Waring, Paula Fader-Garff, Kathy Toy-Nao, Barton Polot, Jan Culbertson, Renae Rosencrans, Karen Smith, Jeanne Burnside, Cheryl White, Linda Long, Karen Field, Nina Yamakado, Sally Brieloff, Chuck Shipan, Janine Centurione.

President's Report — Gloria Wilson thanked all who worked on the band picnic, car wash, garment sales, as marching band escorts, and all the great volunteers who support the Pioneer Bands.

Secretary's Report — Minutes from the 9/11/07 meeting were approved with the following : in the Director's Reports, change "There are approximately 375 students in Varsity Band" to "There are approximately 375 students in the Pioneer Bands."

Treasurer's Report— Barton Polot presented a balance sheet of PBA income and expenses for the year through November 11, 2007. \$37000 has been paid toward the New York Band tour already. Progress is being made on collecting money from the candy sale and car wash. The balance sheet was approved.

Website Report — Steven Sullivent urged everyone to check out the website. Lots of changes are happening, including the addition of an online volunteer sign-up form. If you have any additional changes you'd like to see on the website, please send your ideas or information to Daryl Hurst at webmaster@aapioneerbands.org. Committee chairs should contact Cheryl White with the date of their activity and dates that they will need help from volunteers. Also, our web designers would like pictures of the Pioneer Bands and our various activities.

Directors' Reports

Nancy Waring, Associate Director of Bands: Symphony band chair audition results were posted on 9/10/07. Auditions were recorded on I-Book audio-files to aid in the decision making. All members, regardless of where they sit, are valued band members. Nancy will be leading Concert band rehearsals while David is doing Concert band auditions during the next week. Varsity band is also auditioning. Nancy states that they have heard amazing things from our students during these auditions. The bands are in very good shape!

David A. Leach, Director of Bands: This is an exciting and busy year for the bands. Following auditions, H.R. Reynolds, professor emeritus at the UM, will lend his expertise to the Symphony Band.

In January, the Michigan Music Conference concert given by the Symphony Band in Grand Rapids falls on the Friday of exam week. There are no exams on that Friday. More details to follow, but a nice dinner for the band will be provided as part of the special day.

We will likely be hosting the District Band Festival which will occur in March.

A large group will be going to Solo and Ensemble this year. In addition we have State solo and ensemble competitions, Band's in Review and the New York tour to look forward to. In New York, the Jazz band will be playing at the Blue Note, a jazz club, instead of the Lincoln Center. This is because the cost to play at the Lincoln Center is \$27,000. Things are moving along well for the tour. Added to the list of chaperones are Pioneer teacher Claire Dahl and her husband.

The auditions for next year's ensembles will be held the first week in March. Music is available from the directors now.

Committee Reports:

Enrichment

PBA NOTES Newsletter Kathy Toy-Nao, Chair: Jan-Feb is the next newsletter. Deadline for this issue is December 9th. Please submit pictures of events. Kathy would like to put them in the newsletter.

The varying delivery times and mail processing of our newsletter was discussed. Bulk mailings from Ann Arbor go to Detroit then back to Ann Arbor, so there is more of a lag time. In addition, bulk mailings may be held until the post office has a certain amount of that type of mail before it is sent out.

Band Picnic Veronique Liem, Chair: There was a good turn out this year and all appeared to have fun. Veronique will chair the committee next year, but would like an assistant who can learn the process. Please contact her if you're interested.

Band Apparel Cheryl White, Chair: The new designs were exhibited. There was an open house at Cheryl's last Saturday for people interested in buying apparel. These make great holiday gifts! An order form and some pictures on the website. Please contact Cheryl if you're interested in ordering.

Picnic Pops Jan Culbertson, Chair: Jan is interested in having an apprentice to work with her this year. Please contact her if you're interested. She is looking to organize a leadership team before the end of the year. Picnic Pops is on May 17. Volunteers are needed for publicity and to help with the food and games. More information to follow.

Senior Activities Renae Rosencrans, Chair: Two of the senior events, Senior Recognition night and the submission of the Omega ad are completed. There will be a reminder in the newsletter for those who haven't yet paid for the ad. The cost is \$4.50 per person. More events for seniors are coming in the spring.

Uniform Team Shayne Davidson, Mariann Hirakawa, Co-Chairs: Co-chairs not present. Many thanks to this hard-working team..

Funding

PTSO Thrift Shop Mary Topham, Chair: Mary Topham not present. Sign up on Mondays for shifts at the PTO thrift shop. Next check from the thrift shop due in March. Ask Mary if you have any questions.

Car Wash David Wallner: David Wallner not present. Car wash went great. Kids need to turn in their pledges.

Band Gala & Auction Karen Field, Chair: The Gala will be held on February 10th, 2008. This is a Sunday. 350 letters went out requesting donations. Help is needed in getting the donations in and following up on the letters. Also, a flyer about about family baskets went out. These baskets are due on January 6th!

This year tickets will cost \$30 per person. Invitations to go out in about two weeks. There is a work meeting on November 27th at 6:30 at Karen's. Please come and help if you're able. There is a link to Karen on the website – this is the best way to get a hold of her. Special help is needed with publicity and the follow-up on donations.

New Business

The Pioneer band can be heard playing a Sonny Eliot fanfare on WWJ radio, between 5-6pm. This opportunity occurred with the help of Jane Bower, a WWJ radio anchor. Tune in to WWJ and give our band a listen!

Questions about the New York tour? Contact Sally Brieloff at sbrieloff@sbcglobal.net for questions about tour and forms.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Respectfully submitted,
Holli Bertram, Pioneer Band Secretary