

Present: Gloria Wilson, Fritz Yunck, Diane Roulston, Steve Sullivant, Paulette Schonsheck, Carol Flannagan, Chuck Shipan, Nancy Waring, David Leach, Robin Hess, Uyen Tonnule, Nina Yamakado, Mary Topham, Daryl Hurst, Amy Olszewski, Kathy Toy-Nao, David Baum, Lisa McKarns, and Nair Matsuo.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM. All attendees introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report – Fritz Yunck:

The minutes from the meeting of 11/10/09 were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Carol Flannagan:

The transition of treasurer tasks is proceeding on schedule with the passing of the laptop from Daryl to Paulette on 12/01/09. Invoices for the current China Tour payment are out. Daryl will continue as auditor and a "24x7" consultant. Email addresses are set; bookkeeper@aapioneerbands.org goes to all three of Daryl, Paulette, and Carol, while treasurer@aapioneerbands.org goes to Paulette and Carol only. Daryl may be reached individually at darylhurst@comcast.net.

Carol reviewed the Financial Highlights sheet:

- The "Cash on Hand" number changes all the time so isn't too meaningful despite being the top item.
- The Program Fee, of which 90% is collected, is not part of the family fundraising expectation.
- Not much has changed since last month with the Candy Sale and Car Wash; we hope to make up those shortages with cash donations and the PTO Thrift Shop.
- We have not yet deposited payments for the Concert Band Chicago Tour.

Carol will draft the family expectation letter and send it out soon.

Historian/Webmaster's Report – Daryl Hurst:

Daryl found some historical treasures at last weekend's downtown Midnight Madness – Omega yearbooks including one from 1926.

Directors' Reports – David Leach:

- Things are going great with Symphony Band.
- Auditions are complete; all results are out except for the Symphony Band percussion group, which had some delays due to a case of Chicken Pox.
- The Jazz Band concert last night (12/07/09) was great, even after a few last-minute substitutions thanks to that same Chicken Pox case.
- He and Nancy Waring will be attending the Midwest Clinic in Chicago from December 16th-19th.
- This is a relatively "slow" time of year, but we will pick right back up soon with Solo & Ensemble and Gala.
- Approximately 11 Concert Band members cannot make the Tour; a severe shortage of chaperones is putting it in jeopardy as well. We only have two, and need six more. The chaperoning job is not difficult, mostly involving getting the kids to sleep at night and waking them up in the morning. We hire security guards for any middle-of-the-night issues. This tour will be April 21-25 to Chicago, which is after the April 1-10 Symphony Band China Tour.
- Varsity Band is going well. The millage failure is certainly a concern. Elimination of 7th hour is a possibility, which could potentially spell trouble for Jazz Band. But nothing is decided, and there are lots of rumors and posturing right now. The students don't need to keep hearing about all the bad things going on – better to keep them focused on positive things to look forward to, such as the China Tour.

Nancy Waring:

- Varsity Band had its first full rehearsal, which went great. We have a focused, exciting group this year.
- MSBOA District Band Festival is March 6th.

Committee Reports – Enrichment**PBA Notes Newsletter – Kathy Toy-Nao:**

- The first 'green' i.e. all-electronic issue worked out well and in fact makes the job **much** easier, eliminating the printing, mailing, etc.
- This is Kathy's last year as editor and we still need a volunteer to take over the position. It is a fun way to stay informed about all the PBA activities.
- The submission deadline for the upcoming issue is this Friday 12/11/09.

Band Apparel:

- We have digital pictures of items for sale and will put them on the website along with the price list. We will also pass out a flyer in class. There was discussion of on-line ordering, which is a bit more involved than on-line tour payments since it needs to include delivery of a physical item.
- Ken Cook was not present; Gloria reported that he could use help with the Apparel Coordinator position. The job is not too difficult and involves ordering inventory, getting it to band events, and conducting the sale.

Fundraising:**Band Gala & Auction:**

Lisa McKarns gave this report for Gala Coordinators Janene Centurione and Ann Curtis, who were not present. Watch the website for updates. Please ask local merchants for help when shopping. Lisa has a list of merchants who have committed to support the Gala.

Zippy Car Wash Coupons – Lisa McKarns:

This is a new fundraiser. Zippy is located on Ellsworth Road just east of State. Families purchase tickets up front for \$10 each, \$5 of which goes to the band and applies to the individual family expectation total. Drive up to the gate, choose the \$10 wash, scan the ticket bar code, and go right into the car wash.

PTO Thrift Shop – Mary Topham:

- Music and Munchies is February 13, 2010. Every two weeks the shop chooses three groups from AAPS. Customers receive a token for spending \$5, which they can use to vote for one of those groups. Each group wins cash, \$500/\$300/\$200 for 1st/2nd/3rd place respectively.
- The shop is no longer conducting orientations for new volunteers. It is not worth their time since they have moved in the direction of paid rather than volunteer help. People who have volunteered in the past may continue to do so.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:22 PM.

The next PBA meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12th, 2010.

Submitted by Fritz Yunck, Secretary.