

## Pioneer Band Association Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Present:** *Gloria Wilson, David Leach, Nancy Waring, David Baum, Julie Sunstein, Daryl Hurst, Tom Mayne, Carol Flannagan, Bill and Jan Maxbauer, Uyen Tonnule, Lisa McKarns, Steve Sullivant, Fritz Yunck, Kathy Toy-Nao, Nair Matsuo, Paulette Schonsheck, Mary Relson, Barton Polot, Dave Blackburn, Amy Olszewski, Kathy Shipan, Linda Long, Jodi Johnson, Ann Curtis, Janene Centurione, and Catherine Valas.*

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM; all attendees introduced themselves.

### **President's Report – Gloria Wilson**

Thank you to all of the volunteers for the winter events including Gala, Tours, and Bands in Review.

### **Secretary's Report – Fritz Yunck**

The most recent general meeting was on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010; minutes from that meeting were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report – Carol Flannagan**

The proposed budget is in the Annual Report – she'll cover it in detail later.

### **Directors' Reports - Nancy Waring:**

- The China Tour was incredible, a result of everyone working together. Highlights were the concert on the Great Wall, and watching all the kids playing basketball together at the middle school exchange.
- Bands in Review was spectacular, with all three bands playing outstandingly well.
- Concerto performances were all fantastic. Nancy is Associate Director of Symphony Orchestra.
- She has five pieces picked out for Picnic Pops - should be great stuff!

### **David Leach:**

- The Jazz Band concert was a big success this year. The change of venue to the Little Theater made for a better experience, and the audience was by far the largest ever.
- Both the District and State Solo & Ensembles were fantastic. Students are required to attend District and encouraged to do States. The format provides a good opportunity to present themselves for evaluation.
- Winter Concert was great. All three bands ended up playing some kind of a march, which resulted from learning several marches for China including 'Hands Across the Sea'.
- District Festival was successful – concessions did well. Skyline participated for the first time.
- Bands in Review was great – the inclusion of Jazz combos from Community High was a nice addition.
- Auditions are complete, except for a few home-schooled and new-to-the-district students. This process also provides valuable experience in managing nerves.
- We won a Grammy! Mr. Leach was blown away by this news, not expecting it at all. We are the only public, non performing-arts-magnet school in this year's winning group. The rather late Grammy news does mean we have to scramble to organize a concert. It was too late to secure Hill this time, so the concert will be at Schreiber – on Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.
- China Tour was fabulous – the weather, the people, the performances. The biggest benefit of a tour like this is exposure to the different cultures and people. When these kids are in positions of authority in their respective countries, the experience will have given them a different perspective.

- The Jazz Spectacular at MSU last Sunday was great – lots of enlightening clinics. The Jazz Band will be playing at the Keystone Club in Ypsilanti again, the Monday after Picnic Pops.
- The Senior Activities committee is compiling a nice memory book.
- Advocacy of arts education is critical today in light of the budget situation. Orchestra Director Jonathan Glawe is in danger – he had a lot to do with the Grammy award. A book worth reading is “Death and Life of the Great American School System” by Diane Ravitch. She was an early architect of No Child Left Behind but reversed course after realizing the damage it has done.

#### **Band Gala & Auction – Ann Curtis and Janene Centurione**

Gala was another huge success. The new venue made for a wonderful experience.

#### **Band Banquet – Mary Relson**

Price per person will increase from \$8.50 to \$10.00, which still doesn't cover our cost of \$11.60/person.

#### **Grammy Celebration Concert – David Baum**

Gail Stout is coordinating this event. She needs people to staff a 'green room' and to coordinate volunteers.

#### **Picnic Pops – Jodi Johnson**

- We will need lots of volunteers – adults to cover 2-hour shifts, students 1-hour. Please also bring pop and baked goods, since these events are the big moneymakers.
- We're relocating tents due to the construction; it should be OK and may even turn out better.

#### **PBA Notes Newsletter – Kathy Toy-Nao**

Maria Athanassiou has volunteered to take over as editor next year.

#### **PTO Thrift Shop – Mary Topham**

The shop is discontinuing the use of volunteer help, but they still have funds to distribute so we need to explore alternatives. One suggestion was to have one or two students play each Saturday.

#### **Budget Details – Carol Flannagan**

- The budget is always a 2-year cycle so we have approved the 2010-11 portion. The \$100 family obligation is new this year.
- Annual dues will increase from \$25 to \$30 per student, which is the first increase in a long time.
- Items such as Band Camp are 'break-even' so the numbers essentially cancel themselves out without affecting the overall totals; others are strictly income, strictly expense, or a mix.
- Merchant account expenses greatly exceeded the budget due to the heavy use of credit card payments, especially for the China Tour. We want to continue encouraging credit card usage for its convenience, so we will adjust some overall prices slightly upward, to cover this shortfall.

**The Proposed Budget for 2010-11 and 2011-12 was approved.**

#### **Election of Officers for 2010-11**

The following individuals were elected to serve on the PBA Board for the 2010-11 school year:

- President: **Gloria Wilson**
- Co-Vice-Presidents: **David Baum and Kathy Shipan**
- Co-Secretaries: **Bill & Jan Maxbauer**
- Co-Treasurers: **Carol Flannagan and Paulette Schonsheck**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM. Next meeting: Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Fritz Yunck, Secretary