

**Pioneer Band Association Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 9, 2010**

**Present:** David Leach, Nancy Waring, Gloria Wilson, David Baum, Kathy & Chuck Shipan, Paulette Schonscheck, Carol Flannagan, Jan & Bill Maxbauer, Nina Yamakado, Lisa McKarns, Marc Renner, Barton Polot, Laretta Codrington, Holli Bertram, Marianne Blaesing, and Myung Choi

Meeting called to order at 7:33; all attendees introduced themselves

**President Report – Gloria Wilson**

Marching season is over. Thanks to all volunteers. For the last game Gloria was able to get a few 11<sup>th</sup> grade parents to help, since only senior parents had been volunteering. December 7<sup>th</sup> is our next meeting

**Secretary's report – Jan and Bill Maxbauer reporting**

Minutes from the previous meeting, 10/19/10, were approved.

**Treasurer's report – Carol Flannagan reporting**

Monthly report:

Bank balance:	\$14,166
Cash in CDs	\$10,907

**Money In Since 10/1/10**

\$358 contributions  
\$600 apparel  
\$3650 car wash  
\$2916 candy (profit)  
\$7524

**Money Out Since 10/1/10**

\$771 supplemental instruction  
\$1378 uniform cleaning and instrument repair  
\$704 operating costs  
\$467 miscellaneous  
\$3316

**Candy Sale highlights:**

In = \$13,212	254 sold
<u>Out = \$10,296</u>	<u>360 bought</u>
Profit = \$2,916	106 left
Still to go = \$5,460	90 cases

## **Directors' Reports**

### **Nancy Waring:**

- We are in the midst of auditions; an extremely busy time. They are going well and everyone is having a successful time. Auditions give the directors a chance to hear each student so students can be placed on music that is most comfortable for them. It also gives directors a chance to spend individual time with each student and to learn what areas of the music might need extra drilling to help with student success.
- Symphony Orchestra has started.
- This week Concerto Auditions are being held. Twenty three students auditioned for between 5 and 7 slots. The students worked very hard this fall and are well prepared. Concerto auditions are open to any senior in the music department. They must be enrolled in one of our 5<sup>th</sup> hour large ensemble classes so they are available for rehearsals. More specific rules for Concerto Auditions are available upon request.

### **David Leach:**

- Symphony Band auditions are next week and they take place after school. Varsity Band and Concert Band auditions are held during the school day. Hope to post results before Thanksgiving.
- Solo and Ensemble deadline has passed. Pioneer is sending a humongous amount of students. Solo and Ensemble is not about the rating, but more about the process. It helps our students be prepared for job interviews, juries, etc. Our students are better prepared for the pressures that come later in life from all their years of Solo and Ensemble. We send more students than any other school in Michigan. The top two bands are required to go.
- There are many traditions in the Pioneer Bands. This Friday is Hot Sauce Day in Jazz Band. Students are not required to participate, but it is a lot of fun.
- Keep your eye on the calendar and website. Things happen quickly around here!
- Korean Folk Song is going well. Concert Band will be listening to a recording of the original folksong, Arirang, given to him by Myung Choi.
- Symphony Band hit the ground flying! They are taking to Asphalt Cocktail well. The music these bands play are college level pieces.
- Jazz Band has a young reed section, experienced brass section and up and coming rhythm section. They will be playing on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at the Keystone Martini Lounge in Ypsilanti. They will sit in with the Paul Keller Orchestra as well as play their own sets.
- The Pioneer High School Music Department has been accepted into the next round of the Grammy Awards. We are pulling materials together to send off.

### **Vice President Report– David Baum reporting**

We have a few spots to fill; still need an Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation coordinator, a person to head up the Zippy Car Wash fundraiser, and someone to do the Newsletter. Kathy Toy-Nao is still helping us out with the Newsletter. It is a 10 hour job once every 2 months. Not super time intensive! We also need a President for next year! Please be thinking of possible parents, perhaps even an incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent whose kids are really into music.

Marc Renner offered to take over the Zippy Car Wash fundraiser. Thanks Marc!

Lisa McKarns mentioned that we can do a President Tuxedo Fundraiser. Very easy job and would best be done by a senior parent. The parent would need to pick up coupons at President Tuxedo, bring them into the bands, encourage band members to use them and hand them out to friends. We receive \$5.00 for every tux rented.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### ***Enrichment***

##### **Bowling Party** – Marianne Blaesing reporting

The date is January 8<sup>th</sup>. It will be the same price as last year.

##### **Senior Activities** – Holli Bertram- reporting

In a lull right now. The yearbook ad is in. We will take a picture of the seniors at Bands In Review. Parents can be thinking of a baby picture to use in the Senior Book put together at the end of the year.

##### **Band Apparel** – Gloria reporting for Chris Park

Apparel will be for sale at the next PBA meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>. David suggested leaving the apparel in the band room for the rest of the week for the kids to see. Bart and Chris are working together to put a form online.

#### ***Funding***

##### **Dale Fisher photo** – Gloria reporting

Gloria went to see Dale last Friday. She picked up 100 photos for us to sell. Carol and Kathy sold in Allmendinger Park after the Illinois game and only sold one photo. Many people seemed interested. Carol made a nice sign to display. We need to sell them before the Wisconsin game. Families can walk around the Pioneer parking lot to sell. We can also sell the photos December 11<sup>th</sup> on the day of the Big Chill. They cost us \$25 and we sell them for \$40.00. That is a \$15 profit, which is great! Need to figure out how to sell them!

##### **Gala – Lisa McKarns**

Date set, February 13, 2011, 5-8pm, Asia City Restaurant, Chinese New Year theme. The Jazz Band will play. A letter is ready to go to businesses. David Leach can make 500 color copies, white with color ink. Lisa is having a folding/stuffing party this weekend. Lisa encourages band parents to solicit donations when you are out. David Baum wondered if we could have a copy of the letter. Bart will put it on the website. Lisa is looking for a PR person. She would like to get word out to WEMU and the Observer. There will be two raffles; the instant wine cellar and Fast Pass for a year of car washes at Zippy Car Wash. For every four raffle tickets you purchase in the Fast Pass raffle you receive one free car wash coupon. Raffle tickets are \$5. We may have lost the Time Share that David Wallner has donated for years. Let Lisa know if you have a Time Share to donate. Gloria will do an email blast about the Gala. All the info is in the most recent PBA Newsletter, which is online.

##### **PTO Thrift Shop** – Marc Renner reporting

- 1) Show Your Spirit, our week is Jan 2-8

- 2) Music and Munchies – Not doing this anymore, but because we had already signed up they will still pay us \$750!
- 3) Thrift shop has an ad they would like to put in our digital newsletter and they will pay us \$600 for that.
- 4) They have a 5 X 7 ad to put in our winter program and they will pay us \$200 for that.
- 5) Another possibility they are working on is for the Thrift Shop to put up a poster in front during our concert and they may pay us \$500 for that.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:27pm. Next meeting Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Jan and Bill Maxbauer, co-secretaries