

Pioneer Band Association Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

Present: David Leach, Nancy Waring, Marianne Blaesing, David Baum, Kathy Shipan, Carol Flannagan, Paulette Schonscheck, Bill Maxbauer, Jan Maxbauer, Lisa McKarns,Carolynn Hayman, Susan Mihans, Kristen Freshley, Raleigh Sadlier, Bart Polot, Angela Larkin and Amy Higgins.

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

President's Report – Marianne Blaesing

Thank you very much to Amy Olszewski and her Festival team for pulling together concessions. It is a huge effort and we need to examine whether it is worth it. A thank you letter to families who helped and contributed is coming. Expenses for the Navy Band are rising. This is something we need to keep track of for next time! Marianne is getting ready for the 9th grade orientation; pulling together packets and band camp stuff.

Secretary's report – Bill and Jan Maxbauer reporting

Minutes from February 7 meeting were reviewed, and were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report – Carol Flannagan reporting

February income was mostly from Gala. Treasurers wrote a big check for tour, this amount includes \$200 for each student and an extra cost of \$930 for a nicer venue for CB and JB in NYC. PBA's total contribution to tour is \$43,627. We are over our fundraising goal due to a VERY good Gala and unexpected donations. Things are really good. See attached Financial Highlights.

Directors' Reports

Nancy Waring:

- Everything is going very well. It was fun to see the looks on the faces of everyone in the sight reading room at festivals. All of the bands were amazing.
- Our students have no idea what PBA does behind the scenes to benefit each student. Thank you all so much!
- Why doesn't VB do festival? They would have to play the same music as the winter concert and it is more beneficial for them to start working on Picnic Pops music. She picks very challenging music that keeps the students engaged.
- No Navy Band workshop on Friday, but 10 of our students will play the Washington Post March with them on Saturday!

David Leach:

- Festival was fabulous. The judges were very complimentary. Pioneer Concert Band was stunning and received straight A+'s from one judge. SB received straight A+'s from all judges!
- We are in audition mode. Pioneer students are auditioning now and he will start with the middle schools next week.

- Three days after spring break we leave for New York. We will be home at a reasonable time. The first version of the itinerary had us home at 3am and it will be earlier than that!
- Once we are back from New York we prepare for Picnic Pops, the Band Banquet and the Senior brunch.
- Navy Band is sold out. We are over capacity. Be there no later than 6:15! Their concert in E. Lansing is sold out, as well.
- David cannot thank PBA enough. Sight reading at festivals was incredible and New York will be breathtaking.
- David was asked to be Officer Krupke in West Side Story! There is a 100% chance that this will happen. Come see the production. The lead is a band member, Clare Higgins!

Vice President Report – David Baum reporting

Three big THANK YOU'S to mention. Thank you to Lisa McKarns, who once again pulled off a miracle at Gala! Thank you to Carolynn Hayman in advance for her hours of work on the Navy Band Concert. Four total hours of work turned into four hours a day! Also, a big thank you to Amy Olszewski, Cathy Vallas and Susan Allen for their outstanding work on Band Festival concessions. Thanks to all of those who contributed and worked a shift, also!

Committee Reports:

Enrichment - Carolynn Hayman reporting for Navy Band Concert

- Concert is sold out. Doors open at 6:15 and any open seats will be filled at 6:45.
- Nancy Waring, David Baum and Kathy Shipan will be at Pioneer ahead of time to prepare for the concert since Carolynn and David Leach have other obligations.
- Lisa suggested Chipotle might be willing to provide dinner for the stage crew since they did not come through in time for Gala.
- We are providing cookies, fruit and water in the Green Room for the band.
- Color Guard from U of M will be there.
- Bomb sniffing dogs will be coming through in the afternoon.
- We have a parent volunteer to do photography backstage and from the balcony.

Lisa McKarns reporting for Gala

Thank you to Bart and Paulette for all of their work! Lisa presented each with a framed photograph. There are a few left over items. Lisa took the basketball and Swarovski crystal to the eBay store for them to sell. We have two Carnegie Hall tickets left for April 12. She will likely turn those back in, hopefully in exchange for some tour posters. There is also a set of dog books left that she is going to donate to the Pattengill Library. We are a ways off from a final number, but it looks like we made about \$22,000! We need someone to take over next year! Lisa is willing to help.

Restaurant nights- California Pizza Kitchen was a success. We made \$239. She is trying to set up Cottage Inn for March and Buffalo Wild Wings is set for May 6th. Lisa is open to other ideas. Easy access is important. Macaroni Grill was suggested. It was suggested that we have one person in charge of restaurant nights next year!

Amy Higgins reporting for car wash

We are going back to our traditional style car wash on Sat., May 5th. It will take place at Pioneer and kids will collect pledges for the number of cars washed. There will also be buckets at the car wash for donations. Volunteers can take two hour shifts. Raleigh Sadlier and Angie Larkin are going to help Amy with car wash duties.

New Business-

Amy Higgins mentioned that the choir parents are going to ask Mr. White to revisit the lunchtime schedule. Lunchtime used to be a key time for small choral groups to rehearse. Amy was wondering if the band has found the two lunch schedule difficult. David Leach said that it is particularly a problem during solo and ensemble time. In the past ensembles could rehearse during lunch. Amy would be happy to be a liaison on this issue. David thought it was a good idea that it come from the parents not the directors.

Bart Polot let attendees know that students will be using our Facebook page to write about the tour. Those staying at home can keep up with what is going on by checking our FB page.

Carol Flanagan reported there is a tour meeting on March 26 at 7pm in Schreiber. All students going on tour are required to attend with a parent. Bus sign up forms will be there and forms will be collected. An email with forms attached will go out tomorrow. Print the forms, fill them out and bring them with you. One of the forms requires a notary and we will have one there.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Submitted by Bill and Jan Maxbauer, Co-Secretaries

Financial Highlights Mar. 6, 2012 PBA Meeting

Income (February)

Fundraising

Gala

Lisa will report

Coming up:

Buffalo Wild Wings

Target: \$200

Car Wash (Spring)

Target: \$2000

Expense Highlights (February)

Supplemental Instruction & Guest Conductor	\$600
Tour	\$23,437
Scholarships	\$10,800

2011-2012 Budget Highlights

Fundraising Goal	\$47,950
<i>Current fundraising total</i>	\$55,723
2011-2012 Program Support & general expenses	\$67,650
Budgeted 2011-2012 Operating Loss (tour year)	-\$20,700

Assets

Bank Balance	\$51,329
Total Assets (incl. Albritton)	\$71,577

NYC Tour by the Numbers

Total contribution from PBA	\$43,627
Number of scholarship recipients	18
Number of student musicians	150
Number of chaperones	13
Number of directors	3