

**PIONEER BAND ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**

PRESENT: David Leach, Nancy Waring, Allison Housner, Trixi Packmohr, Stacey Pakela, Amy Higgins, Peretz Hirshbein, Laura Hirshbein, Paul Dodd, Sonali Mohile, Manoj Sonali, Sarah Boylan, Camille Flores, Chris Miller, Cathy Miller, Kathleen Garvey, Angela Westover, Pat Blackwell, Cathy Berrigan, Wendy Weiner, Monica Turenne, Samantha Mucha, Laura Stubbs, Pam Wright, Terry Haley, Heather Chapman, Kelly Armstrong, Jennifer Bruey, Lara Kramer-Smith, Neel Hajra, Barb Zimdars, Jackie Malcolm, Randy Knibbs, Hoon Hee Lee, Hyun Jung Her, Hongxin Bian, Shaoying Kang, Gary Shen, Joan Hall, Suzanne Betz, Ginney Birchler, Heather Bonnewit, Kristy Bajcz, Alan Gillman, Kerstin Barndt, Cathy DeBona

WOW! HELP!

**WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** MaryBeth Damm

- Pioneer is hosting Solo and Ensemble again this year. Jan 28, 2017 High School, February 4, 2017 Middle School. We will need many volunteers

**VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT:** Amy Higgins and Stacey Pakela

Upcoming Events:

\*Band Picnic Oct 8, 12-3pm Allmendinger Park, all families are invited. There will be sign ups for food and volunteer jobs.

\*Band Car Wash Oct 15. Students will be asked to get 10 pledges. Volunteer – student, sign up in band room, parent volunteer sign up coming soon.

Help wanted:

-Oct 21 “Senior night” at the football game. Our current photographers are mostly senior parents. We need 4 underclass parents that evening to take pictures.

-PTO Thrift Store is having a raffle. We will be selling raffle tickets at the band picnic if anyone would like to help sell tickets please see Monica Turenne.

**TREASURER:** Trixi Packmohr

Yearly operating costs for the band approximately \$20,000

Upcoming events to give to the band:

Dues \$35 each family

Bands In Review – Students to sell tickets

Candy Sale

Gala

Request from Treasurer : When writing checks please place the name of the student on the check, write legibly and write what the check is for.

Any financial questions please e-mail Trixi Packmohr.

**COMMUNICATION SECRETARY:** Peretz Hirshbein

- Band Handbook is now updated on website, also hardcopies were provided at the meeting
- Calendar updated on the website under PBA or Concerts and Events. Highly recommend that all parents subscribe to Google Calendar.
- Please let Peretz know if anyone is currently not getting band e-mails

**DIRECTORS:**

**NANCY WARING:**

It's nice to see so many people at the meeting tonight. It's always good to see the support of parents for the band program.

- Varsity Band currently on a short marching unit, outside. Varsity band members that were at band camp are helping those students that didn't go to camp. This has been a good bonding experience.
- Varsity Band students please attend Wagongate this Friday!

**DAVID LEACH:**

\*The role of the Pioneer Band Association – to help students be successful, ie fundraising, scholarships, band camp, allowing guests to come teach/give clinics, provide multiple volunteer hours. PBA provides “everything but the music”

\*Currently:

-Marching Band played at the Big House – had a great time, good experience  
-All State Auditions: Sept 26<sup>th</sup> sign up \$10 fee, Auditions are Oct 29,30 at Saline High School. This year the director of the All State HS Band is Dr. Mary Schneider, Director of Bands at EMU. There will be a concert in January.

-Chair auditions in November. New configuration of bands: Varsity Band (68), Concert Band White (62), Concert Band Purple (64), Symphony Band (65), Marching Band 133.

-Michigan State University Big Band is coming back to Pioneer for “Tonight We Swing” concert Dec 8<sup>th</sup>. Guest Rufus Reed to provide workshop. Concert will include Pioneer, Huron and Community Jazz Bands.

-Solo and Ensemble – Registration is Oct 20<sup>st</sup>. Concert Band White, Purple and Symphony Band expected to register. The Solo and Ensemble process is important for students to be prepared for the future, ie interviews etc.

-Winter Concert – December

-Request to band parents to contact the State Senators to stop a bill to cut funding of Military music

-Band Festival will not be at Pioneer due to Solo and Ensemble. It may be at Huron or Skyline this year.

**OTHER:**

\*MaryBeth Damm and Colleen Coleman are investigating business fundraising opportunities for Pioneer Bands.

