

**Wilmington Wildcat Band Parents & Friends Meeting
Minutes for Wednesday, November 7, 2007**

In attendance: Madame President Boland has this list

Meeting called to order: By Mrs. Boland at 7:00 PM in the WHS Music Room.
Mrs. Boland welcomed the large group in attendance.

Minutes from the October 3, 2007 minute were amended and approved as read.

A correction was made to the Foxwoods Casino trip section to reflect that the proceeds of the trip would benefit the band uniform fund instead of the scholarship fund as was mistakenly recorded by that careless recording secretary....what's her name???

Treasurer's Report: Attached to hard copy of minutes.

Mrs. Stevens reported that in a comparison of the profits from the popcorn concession from last year to this year, sales are ahead at this time by several hundred dollars. The popcorn concession at the homecoming game (which also had remarkably warm weather) was very successful.

OLD Business

Yankee Candle sale

Ye Olde Yankee Candles were delivered to the Sacks' home on November 6, as promised. Mr. Sacks reported that his two-car garage is more wonderfully fragranced now than ever! On an unfortunate note, the delivery truck that brought the candles was not equipped with a lift gate for easy and hydraulically assisted delivery of the candles into the garage, as has been the case in other years. Regrettably, this resulted in Mrs. Boland and a middle school student having to empty two large pallets by themselves and hand carry every item from the back of the truck into the garage. Mrs. Boland reported three things about this experience: 1. She is grateful to the student for helping! 2. Her back is killing her! 3. She contacted our Yankee Candle Sale organizer, Mrs. Breslin, and asked her to report to the company our dissatisfaction with the truck that delivered the shipment. Mr. Breslin, present at the meeting, relayed that his wife had contacted the company this very morning.

Mrs. Boland will be meeting with Mrs. Sacks to devise a pick up schedule for the candle orders. Mr. Sacks suggested that this weekend would be the most likely time.

Pizza Nite

This event was a big success! Mrs. Boland suggested that future leadership of the BP&F's should continue Pizza Nite. A profit of approximately \$90.00 was earned. The students enjoyed the pizza, from Pizza Mia, and the parents enjoyed not having to bring dinner to the high school for their children. Everyone was happy!

Mrs. Boland thanked all of the parents who assisted with Pizza Nite, as well as those parents who ran the popcorn concession for that evening.

NEW BIZ.....

FOXWOODS CASINO TRIP - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2007--This trip was canceled on Monday, 11/5/07 as there were only 10 participants signed up. A minimum of 29 was needed to make the trip profitable.

Football Season

The last home game of the season is this Friday 11/9/07.

As is tradition, the graduating seniors and their parents from the football team, cheerleading squad, and band/color guard will be recognized prior to the game. Parents of seniors are encouraged to meet at the stadium flagpole no later than 6:30. Because the parents of seniors are engaged in this activity, traditionally the parents of underclassmen take over the popcorn concession. Our vice president, Mr. Bleier will spearhead this and has asked volunteers to meet him at the band room at 6:00 on Friday evening.

Andover Christmas Parade: NOT GOING

Please DO NOT reserve Sunday, November 25 on your calendars, as the WHS Wildcat Band and Color Guard will NOT be performing in the annual Andover Christmas Parade. The rise in bussing costs coupled with a cut in transportation funding have necessitated the band withdrawing from this performance.

Discussion of posting the meeting minutes to the WilmingtonBandParents.org website

Mrs. Boland initiated this discussion by giving examples of other groups who post their meeting minutes on their websites with both the PAC and SAPS being mentioned. Feedback from the membership regarding this was generally positive. A request was made that student names, when listed in the minutes (scholarship winners for example) be excluded from the minutes that are published on the internet and will be referred to as "name(s) on file". Additionally, it was also decided that the list of those in attendance at the meetings will continue to be held by the president, and also not published on the internet. Treasury reports, which are open to review by any individual, will be held in hard copy by both the president, treasurer, and recording secretary as attached to the minutes but not published separately on the website.

The standard protocol for the reading, amendment, and acceptance of meeting minutes will be observed whereas the minutes from a preceding meeting will be presented to the membership for review, correction and vote for acceptance at every meeting. It is only upon the unanimous vote for acceptance of the minutes as amended and read that they

will be released for publication on the website. Mrs. Boland added that "the minutes will be examined for content and edited as needed" regarding website posting.

Many of the parents in attendance again mentioned the tremendous success of the website and newsletter put together by Mr. Musicant. There was a consensus that while publishing the meeting minutes on line was good, there is a definite preference for the "user-friendly" and cleanly delineated format of listing information provided by Mr. Musicant.

And so, it was decided on this cold evening in November, that the minutes will be published on the website and made accessible to users by a "click here" option at the site for meeting minutes, rather than emailing the minutes to the membership, thereby offering the best of both worlds!

Treasurer 2008 -09

In years past, a treasurer in training has been elected to work for a year with the outgoing treasurer. As this is Mrs. Stevens' last year as treasurer it was suggested that a volunteer be sought to work with her for the remainder of the year to "learn the books" as they say. After discussing several options, it was decided that a new treasurer will be elected this spring. Mrs. Stevens then graciously offered to spend time with the treasurer-elect over the summer and/or perhaps at the beginning to SY 2008-09 to assist in an easy transition.

From the membership

New members were welcomed at this meeting and they shared several exciting thoughts about fundraising strategies to benefit the uniform fund. Mrs. Boland assisted in the planning of meeting between these members and the members of the permanent fundraising committee to further explore these fundraising options.

News from Ms. Mette...not in attendance due to illness.

However, Ms. D reported in her absence that the Veteran's Day Ceremony will take place at 11:00 AM on Sunday 11/11 and the reporting time for band and color guard students is at 10:15.

Further, the band concert series for next month includes the following dates:

Wednesday, December 5 - MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND CONCERT

7:00 PM at the WHS Auditorium

Friday, December 7 - HIGH SCHOOL BAND CONCERT

7:00 PM at the WHS Auditorium

Tuesday, December 11 - ELEMENTARY BAND CONCERT

7:00 PM at the WHS Auditorium

Mrs. Boland added that parent volunteers are needed to assist with the selling of 50/50 raffle tickets at these events and should arrive at 6:00 PM to the auditorium.

There was discussion of selling items at the Band Parents Boutique. There are some scarves, ornaments, and stockings remaining for sale. At this time, due to the lateness of the date of this meeting and Mrs. Boland's limited time available to organize events for the creation of other boutique items, (due to her extensive involvement with the musical

and choral concerts) there is not enough time to prepare other items for sale. Mrs. Boland recommended that in future, the discussion of boutique items/sales for the December concert season be scheduled onto the agendas of meetings that happen earlier in the school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM as was motioned by Mrs. F. and seconded by Mr. H.

Tune in Next Time.....

The next band parents meeting will be on **Wednesday, December 12*, 2007** at 7:00 PM in the WHS Music room. *Changed to accommodate the MS Band concert scheduled for the evening of 12/5.