

Wilmington Wildcat Band Parents and Friends Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 2, 2008

In Attendance (Attendance List held by President, Mrs. Boland)

Meeting Called to Order: By Mrs. Boland at 7:00 PM in the WHS Music Room.

Minutes of December 12, 2007 meeting: Motion to accept minutes as written was made by Mr. Ham and seconded by Mrs. Ferraro. There was no discussion and minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: (A copy of the report is attached to the hard copy of the minutes). Highlights of Mrs. Steven's report are: Student sales in the Candle Fund Raising Drive netted the \$4948. That money is being turned over to Ms. Mette for distribution into the individual student accounts. Monies raised through 50/50 raffles and ornament sales at the December Holiday Concerts were deposited into the General Checking Account. The Bake Sales at the concerts netted \$422, which was added to the Uniform Fund Savings Account. To continue at the present rate for scholarships, \$6000 must be raised per year. There are sufficient funds in the Scholarship account to provide this year's scholarships in June, however, in order to escrow 2 years of scholarships, money will need to be transferred from the checking account to the Scholarship account.

OLD BUSINESS

Fundraising:

Comedy Night: Friday, February 1st at the Knight's of Columbus Hall in Wilmington. Doors open at 8 pm, show begins at 9 pm. The event is sponsored by the Son's of Italy and the proceeds are graciously divided between the Son's of Italy and the Band Parents and Friends organization. See Gail White for tickets, which are \$15 each. Tables seat 10 people. There are currently seven tables still available. It is preferred to sell 10 tickets together for a full table. All tickets need to be sold by 1/21, so contact Gail as soon as possible.

Suggestions for further advertisement are to (Mr. Musicant) put add in the Town Crier and Advocate, (Mr. Ham) request CATS group advertise on their website and (Mr. Romano) ask Middle School PAC to add to next email.

Silent Auction: Mr. Romano reported that he spoke with Kevin Caira and got the Sons of Italy approval to hold a silent auction at the Comedy Night to benefit the uniform fund. To test the waters, a small auction of 6 items will be tried. All items need to be paid for by cash or check (no credit cards) to the Sons of Italy, who will split proceeds with Band. Anyone with items to be donated for auction should contact Mr. Romano as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

Permanent Fundraising Committee: Discussion centered on raising uniform money and committee membership. Mr. Romano mentioned that in order to answer potential donor questions, more concrete information is needed on uniform number, cost and strategy for raising money.

The school committee budget does include a request for a capital expense for purchase of uniforms. Budget meeting is the beginning of February. Question was raised as to

whether it would be appropriate and constructive to contact School Committee members to lobby on behalf of the proposed budget request. Mr. Romano will arrange a separate meeting with Ms. Mette to answer questions.

Current membership is Mrs. Ferraro. Mr. Romano and Mr. Grealish offered to participate.

Wish List and Brainstorming: Mrs. Boland suggested that the group spend some time thinking about new proposals or projects that the Band Parents and Friends could involve themselves in to assist the Band and Band Director. Mr. Ham suggested looking for additional opportunities for the band to perform, particularly between January and April. Perhaps this could be a fund-raising event in which the Jazz Band or some other group could perform. Mrs. Ferraro suggested fund-raising which would defray expense of a band trip. Mr. Breslin proposed that it might be beneficial for a student band officer attend the Band Parents and Friends meetings to provide student's perspective.

2008 & 2009 Scholarships: Mr. Ham introduced a motion that twelve scholarships of \$500 each be awarded to this year's Senior class, and that \$6000 be placed into the Scholarship Fund for 2009 scholarships. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ferraro. The motion passed.

Mr. Ham introduced another motion that discussion of the number of future scholarships be included in the agenda for the next meeting. Mrs. Ferraro seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Close of meeting: Mrs. Ferraro offered a motion to end the meeting. Mr. Ham seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mr. Bleier, pinch-hitting for Recording Secretary, Ms. D.