

**WILMINGTON WILDCAT BAND PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING
MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2008**

In Attendance: Kevin Bleier, Bob Ham, Maureen Stevens, Joan Marra, Susan Donovan, Janis Breslin, Mary Lou Ferrara, Mark Levine, Craig Musicant, John Romano, John Grealish, Jeff Kline, Kate Boland, Jennifer Baima, Gail White, Kathy Gorvin and Barbara Mette

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

Minutes of February 6, 2008 Meeting: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bob Ham and seconded by Janis Breslin. The 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: The Candle Fundraiser for individual student accounts is outstanding. Ending balance for 02/29/08 for checking account is \$5,366.70. Ending balance for 02/29/08 for savings account (scholarships) is \$13,657.38. Ending balance for 02/29/08 for savings account (uniforms) is \$3,509.90.

OLD BUSINESS

Candle Fundraising: Ms. Mette reported she deposited the Candle Fund Raising money into the individual student accounts last Wednesday.

Ping Pong Table for Band Camp: Ms. Mette reminded band parents that the ping pong table at band camp needs to be replaced. The cost is approximately \$700. Ms. Mette will purchase the table and bring it to camp in early June before their summer camp season begins. Mrs. Stevens will give Ms. Mette a check at the next meeting.

Wish List: A discussion took place regarding the "Wish List" that Ms. Mette handed out at last month's meeting. Ideas suggested for obtaining items are to email alumni to ask for donations of used equipment. Another suggestion is to send out a general appeal to alumni asking for monetary donations. An inquiry was made to see if we could contact the music companies WHS Band uses to ask for donations. Ms. Mette reported WHS Band deals with K&C Music Company and National Music. This would probably not work, because both companies sell at cost and have been very generous to the WHS band in the past. Another suggestion was made to contact music conservatories or music schools asking for donations, but Ms. Mette pointed out the conservatories use their older instruments for their own student instruction. Another question was asked if renting to own instruments would work, but music companies do not rent the larger items that are on the Wish List. John Romano asked the band parents to turn over the wish list to the permanent fundraising committee and they will meet to discuss fundraising ideas and get back to the band parents with their ideas.

Comedy Night: Gail White reported the Sons of Italy gave her a check for \$2,500 for comedy night, which exceeded what the band parents purchased. Gail will give the check

to Mrs. Stevens to be deposited into the Scholarship Savings account. Kate Boland will send the Sons of Italy a thank you note.

NEW BUSINESS

Pops Concert: The Pops Concert is scheduled for Friday, April 11, 2008 at the Wilmington Middle School. The concert will include performances by WHS Jazz Band, Junior Jazz Band and Soundscape. Volunteers will be needed for a 50/50 raffle. A cookies and punch reception will be held in the cafeteria following the concert. Kathy Gorvin will pick up the cookies. Kate Boland will pick up the punch. Kate is looking for an underclassman parent to assist with the punch, because she will not be here next year to set this up. Kate will check on whether napkins and cups are needed and Kathy Gorvin offered to pick these up if needed. Details of the cookie punch reception will be discussed at April's band parent meeting.

Purchase of Popcorn Machine: Kathy Gorvin reported that C.A.T.S. (Choral and Theatre Support) has proposed sharing the cost of a new popcorn machine with the band parents. They would then use the new machine at their July 4th booth. Band parents would use the new machine at Friday night football games and the Memorial Day Parade. A motion to split the cost of the pop corn machine with CATS was made by John Grealish and seconded by Gail White. Bob Ham opposed pointing out it would make more sense to have one responsible organization own the machine and the band parents have a place to store it. A motion was made to rescind the vote by Kate Boland and seconded by John Grealish. A discussion took place. It was agreed that one responsible organization should own the machine and let CATS borrow it. It was agreed that the size of the current machine works well. Mrs. Stevens offered to research popcorn machines. A motion was made by John Grealish to allocate approximately \$1,000 for sole ownership for the purchase of a new pop corn machine and seconded by Bob Ham. Everyone agreed.

Boutique Items: Kate Boland asked if there is a level of interest in a craft night for making boutique items like ornaments, scarves etc. for fundraising. Mr. Musicant will put this in the newsletter to see if there is an interest.

Ski Trip: This winter's ski trip for band members will be March 7 & 8. The bus will be loaded about 5:00. Sixty-one students are signed up.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Marra