

**WILMINGTON WILDCAT BAND PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING  
MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2008**

**In Attendance:** Kevin Bleier, Bob Ham, Maureen Stevens, Joan Marra, Susan Donovan, Janis Breslin, Mary Lou Ferrara, Craig Musicant, John Romano, Kate Boland, Jennifer Baima, Kathy Gorvin, Susan Rogers, Mae Cieplick and Barbara Mette

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

**Minutes of March, 2008 Meeting:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mae Cieplick and seconded by Bob Ham. 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: Mrs. Stevens purchased the new popcorn machine from New England Pretzel Company for \$963.75. Ending balance for 03/31/08 for checking account is \$4,400.45. Ending balance for 03/31/08 for savings account (scholarships) is \$16,160.65. Ending balance for 03/31/08 for savings account (uniforms) is \$3,510.64.

**Fundraising Report:** John Romano reported that the fundraising committee has met and come up with a few ideas they are discussing. They are as follows:

1. Community Yard Sale – The committee would like to hold a yard sale at the Swain School parking lot and ask band parents for donations with all proceeds going to the band. John Romano will seek approval from the July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee to use the Swain School parking lot. This would probably be held in either the spring or fall and fliers would be distributed. Regina DeRosa offered to coordinate the yard sale.
2. Chili Bake Off – Sue Rogers has offered to organize and run a chili bake off possibly in October.
3. Bake Sales – The bake sales held at the winter concerts were a success, so the committee will plan on organizing bake sales for future upcoming concerts.
4. Thanksgiving Day Pie Sale – Sell homemade pies at the home Thanksgiving Day football game. The committee will coordinate this with the football team. The committee will ask band/football parents to make pies to be sold at the game.
5. Comedy Night – The fundraising committee is looking for a liaison to coordinate the Comedy Night with the Sons of Italy.
6. Tree Lighting Volunteers – Band student volunteers perform at the Tree Lighting Ceremony held on the Common in December and sell Christmas cookies. After a discussion, this idea may be scratched, because the Tree Lighting Committee has their own performers and they hand out complimentary cookies, munchkins and hot chocolate.
7. Market Basket Street Performers – Band student volunteers to perform Christmas Carols outside Market Basket in December with all donations going to the WHS Band.

Kate stated that the committee does not need school approval for the yard sale, the chili bake off or the pie sale. The committee will go ahead and seek venue approval. The

committee will also seek approval from the superintendent to send a flier home with students announcing these fundraisers.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Pops Concert:** The Pops Concert is scheduled for Friday, April 11, 2008. Kathy Gorvin will purchase the cookies. Mary Lou and Jennifer will assist Kate in setting up the punch and cookies.

**Candle Fundraising:** The band parents are seeking a new chairperson for the Yankee Candle Fundraising. Janis Breslin's son will be a senior next year and she could guide a new chairperson to take over.

**Purchase of Popcorn Machine:** Mrs. Stevens reported she purchased the new popcorn machine from New England Pretzel for \$963.75 and stored it in the shed. A trial run with the new machine needs to be done before the Memorial Day Parade. A discussion was held about what to do with the old popcorn machine. Kate suggested giving the old popcorn machine to the Sons of Italy and if not then ask C.A.T.S. A motion was made by Bob Ham to offer the old popcorn machine to the Sons of Italy first, then to C.A.T.S. Craig Musicant seconded the motion and all were in favor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Red Sox Ticket Raffle:** Rick Surette has donated four Boston Red Sox tickets for Sunday, July 13, 2008 at 1:30. These tickets are in section 23, Box 50, Row A and Row B. They would be raffled in pairs of two with all proceeds going to the WHS Band. John Romano has the raffle tickets and distributed them to band parents to be sold. The fundraising committee will be selling raffle tickets at the jazz band concert on 06/11/08 and the spring concert on 05/05/08. The winner will be picked at the spring band concert on 05/05/08.

A discussion was held about how to set up the raffle sales during the concert. It was suggested to have a table set up in the cafeteria at the jazz band concert with pencils so people will be able to purchase and fill out their tickets. It was suggested to have a long table set up outside the band room for the spring concert so people could purchase and fill out their tickets. Sue Rogers offered her pop up canopy if it rains, this canopy would also draw attention to the raffle ticket sales.

**Boutique Items:** Kate Boland reported she has wooden Ws which are a popular Christmas ornament. Mae Cieplick offered to decorate them over the summer. Kate will look into musical notes as another ornament idea.

Peg Bleier has put together a pattern for knitted scarves with a W and a paw print. Peg and Kate will work on the stitch so the W and paw print can be seen on both sides of the scarf and then a knitting group will be formed, all are welcomed to join. Also the craft group is looking for blue fleece material (stripes, checked, paw prints) to be used to make scarves. A good price for this material would be about \$8.00 a yard.

If anyone has any ideas for other boutique items, please let Kate know.

### **Call for Officer Nominations:**

Kate asked for nominations for the office of president, vice president, treasurer, publicity director, co-publicity director, and recording secretary. Craig Musicant will publicize these nominations in the newsletter and solicit people to step forward. Voting will take place at the next band parent meeting which will be held on May 14.

The nominations that were made are:

- Kevin Bleier was nominated for president by Bob Ham, Janis Breslin seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Janice Breslin was nominated for vice present by Bob Ham, John Romano seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- No one from the floor was nominated for treasurer. If anyone has any thoughts, please encourage them.
- Joan Marra was nominated for recording secretary by Bob Ham, Janis Breslin seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Craig Musicant was nominated for Publicity Director by John Romano, Kevin Bleier seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Mark Levine was nominated for Co-Publicity Director by Janis Breslin, Bob Ham seconded the motion and all were in favor.

### **Ms. Mette's Report**

The jazz band rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at the WMS. The Pops concert will be held on Friday, April 11, 2008.

The band buddy breakfast will be held the day after the last day of school. The last day of school is tentatively scheduled for 06/12/08, so the band buddy breakfast will be held on 06/13/08.

Ms. Mette asked for two parent volunteers to videotape the WHS Band marching in the Memorial Day Parade. She would like these parents to follow the parade route to videotape the band. These videos could then be combined to make an audition tape for the Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington D.C. Ms. Mette will find out the date of this parade and the MCAS schedule for 2009.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Marra

**The next band parent meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 7:00.**