

**WILMINGTON WILDCAT BAND PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING  
MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, May 14, 2008**

**In Attendance:** Kate Boland, Kevin Bleier, Bob Ham, Maureen Stevens, Joan Marra, Susan Donovan, Janis Breslin, Mary Lou Ferraro, Jennifer Baima, Susan Rogers, Anne Marie Robinson, Pat Banda, Ellen Kline, John Grealish 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:** Ms. Mette requested a correction to the minutes concerning the date of the last day of school and the Band Buddy Breakfast. The changes were made. A motion to approve the minutes with the corrections was made by Kate Boland and seconded by Jennifer Baima. 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: A deposit of \$172.00 was made from the 50/50 raffle from jazz concert to the checking account. A check was made out to Anita DiLullo for \$646.20 to replace the tennis table at band camp. Ending balance for 04/30/08 for checking account is \$3,923.85. Ending balance for 04/30/08 for savings account (scholarships) is \$16,163.96. Ending balance for 04/30/08 for savings account (uniforms) is \$3,511.36.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

**Popcorn Machine:** Kate Boland announced that the Sons of Italy are very happy to accept the donation of the old popcorn machine for their youth league fundraisers. Kate will coordinate this donation with Charlie DeStefano.

**Pops Concert Wrap Up:** Everyone agreed the new format for the jazz band concert was a huge success.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Memorial Day Parade:** The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 26, 2008. The students are to report to the band room at 8:15 a.m.. Ms. Mette will ask the custodian to open the door for the band parents at 7:30 a.m. so the volunteers can begin to prepare. Kate will ask Craig Musicant to place an announcement in the newsletter that volunteers are needed for that morning. Eight people are needed to set up the tent at 7:30 a.m. New balloons were ordered and Kate will check on the ribbon. Kate will order the helium at Balloonatics in Saugus and Susan Donovan will pick this up. Kate will check on the supplies of pop corn, coffee, coffee cups, lids, stirrers and sugar. Kate will order more popcorn cups. Sue Rogers will bring her coffee percolator. Ellen Kline will bring a

half a gallon of milk. Maureen Stevens will bring ice. The following people volunteered to bring their large coolers Kevin Bleier, Ellen Kline, Susan Donovan, Kate Boland and Maureen Stevens.

Kate distributed a list of band students and asked for volunteers to call students to request soda/water donations (soda 12 pack of 12 oz. cans and water 16 oz. bottles). The following people volunteered to make the phone calls: Jennifer Baima (Coke and water), Janis Breslin (Diet Coke), Ellen Kline (Pepsi), Kevin Bleier (root beer), Anne Marie Robinson (orange soda), Susan Donovan (Sprite), Mary Lou Ferrara (water). They will request that all soda and water be cold.

**Memorial Day Baseball Tournament:** Kate announced that Aldo Caira offered the band a fundraising opportunity at a baseball tournament which will be held Memorial Day weekend. The band parents could set up a table and sell popcorn and cold drinks on Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. There would be four baseball games all together and two to three people would be needed to volunteer for each game. Kate will ask Craig Musicant to send an e-mail asking for volunteers.

**Band Pictures:** Craig Musicant has proposed a few new ideas. He would like to put band pictures in the newsletters and local newspapers. Ms. Mette has a list of band students who cannot be photographed. Craig can coordinate with Ms. Mette which students are on the list before publishing band pictures. Another proposal Craig made is to put together a band calendar from the collection of pictures from the previous school year. This calendar could be either spiral bound or stapled and include known important dates such as concerts and band events. A disclaimer would be added that the dates are subject to change. The calendar would be from September 2008 to August 2009. The best price found was \$6.50 per calendar for 200 calendars. Bob Ham suggested that someone analyze how many calendars would have to be sold to break even. Everyone agreed a modest cost of \$10.00 or \$12.00 would sell more calendars.

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

Kate introduced Pat Banda, who is interested in the office of Treasurer. Sue Rogers nominated her and seconded by everyone. Sue Rogers made a motion to accept the officers as a slate and seconded by Bob Ham. The nominations unanimously passed. The Band Parents officers are:

- Kevin Bleier, President
- Janice Breslin, Vice President
- Pat Banda, Treasurer
- Joan Marra, Recording Secretary
- Craig Musicant, Publicity Director
- Mark Levine, Co-Publicity Director

**Drawing of Scholarship Recipients:** The names of 12 seniors were drawn to receive a scholarship of \$500 each at Scholarship Night.

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

Ms. Mette reported that there will be a record number of students attending band camp this August. There will be 170 people attending camp including students and chaperones. Ms. Mette stated there are three students that need financial assistance. John Grealish suggested that since the Red Sox Raffle was so profitable the band parents will donate the money, \$570 each, for the three students to attend band camp.

Ms. Mette inquired about the Yankee Candle Date. She requested the date to distribute the brochures be moved back a week to give the students time to settle into school. Janis Breslin reported Yankee Candle likes to coordinate the date with Strings Attached. Janis will call Janet Ingram from Strings and see if the two groups can coordinate a later date for the start of the fundraiser.

The WHS Band Banquet will be held on Monday, June 2, 2008.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Marra

**The next band parent meeting will be held on  
Wednesday, September 3, 2008 at 7:00.**