

**WILMINGTON WILDCAT BAND PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING  
MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2008**

**In Attendance:** Kevin Bleier, Joan Marra, Craig Musicant, Ms. Mette, Miss DiLullo, Maria Goncalves, Laura Canty, Paula Surette, Lisa Monteforte, Joanne Johansson, Jeff Kline, Ann Marie Robinson, Gail White, Cheryl Ricardo, Joanie Parisi, John Grealish, John Romano, Lee W. Sacks, Julie Manos, Judy Keefe, Linda Valenti, Jane Ammon, Pat Banda, Cathy Woods, Janis Breslin, George Breslin, Jennifer Baima, Lynda Spinazola, and Cheryl Gustafson

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

**Minutes of September, 2008 Meeting:** September minutes were presented and the following corrections were made: Miss DiLullo's name was added to the attendance list, the Yankee Candle sale dates 09/15/08 – 09/26/08, Disney Land changed to Disney World and the total cost of wind pants was \$300. A motion was made to approve the minutes with the corrections from September 2008 was made by Jennifer Baima. John Grealish seconded the motion, all were in favor. The minutes were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat Banda reported that the ending balance in the Checking Account as of 10/01/08 is \$1,980.96. The ending balance in the Scholarship Account as of 09/01/08 is \$10,172.96. The ending balance in the Uniform Account as of 09/01/08 is \$6,811.58. A motion was made by Jennifer Baima to approve payment of \$1,250 for financial aid for band camp. John Romano seconded the motion, all were in favor. Pat will give a check to Ms. Mette for \$1,250.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Memorial Day Baseball Tournament:** Kevin reported that band parents sold popcorn, soda and candy at the Memorial Day Baseball Tournament and made a profit of \$100. He would like to thank Mrs. Baima, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Leiskau, Mrs. Fino, Mrs. Ferrara and Mrs. Keefe for their efforts.

**Yard Sale:** John Romano addressed the band parents with details for the yard sale. The Wilmington Board of Selectman approved the use of Swain School parking lot by the band parents for a yard sale. The yard sale will be held on October 4, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Swain School Parking Lot. (Rain Date: Sunday, October 5, 2008). Donators can drop off their items on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. or Saturday at 7:00 a.m. at the Swain School Parking Lot. Space has been rented for \$25 to 24 vendors. The Pod will be dropped off on Thursday for storing donations. Vendors will be setting up at 7:30 a.m. and there will be no moving vehicles allowed in the parking lot after 8:45 a.m. The advertising has been good and fliers have been distributed. John asked that volunteers price items to sell. If you can assist in any of the following areas, please contact John Romano ([patjr@comcast.net](mailto:patjr@comcast.net) or 978-988-8045):

- Volunteers are needed to help set up, clean up and sell items particularly between 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Band students are welcome to help.
- Donations of water and soda will be taken (Soda, water and popcorn will be sold).
- Folding tables to borrow are in need.
- Donations of garbage bags and empty Market Basket bags are needed.
- Minivans/Pick-up Trucks are needed between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to bring unsold items to the Salvation Army.
- A volunteer to call Salvation Army to let them know the band parents may be bringing unsold items there at approximately 4:00 p.m.

**Yankee Candle:** Cheryl Gustafson reported that all Yankee Candle orders have been submitted. About half of the students in each band participated in the sale. There will be a shipping fee in addition to tax, both of which will be absorbed by the band parents. Cheryl offered to have the items shipped to her house for pick up by students. She has a 2 ½ car garage and her family can help unload the truck. If any student overpaid, the money will go directly into their account. Cheryl will give the check to Pat Banda.

**Calendar:** Craig Musicant presented a slide show of the calendar he is proposing. He will put this on the band parent's website so everyone can take a look at it ([www.WilmingtonBandParents.org](http://www.WilmingtonBandParents.org)). Craig asked if anyone can recommend a printer for a reasonable quote, please let him know. He will have the product and the quotes at next month's meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Football Game Concession:** There are home football games scheduled for 10/10/08 and 10/31/08 and volunteers are needed. Kevin passed around a sign up sheet for both games. Everyone is welcome to help, even if your name is not on the list. Kevin will send e-mail reminders. There will be two away football games and a truck is needed. If there are no volunteers the band will rent a truck for transporting drums and mallets.

**Winter Concerts:** Kevin asked if anyone had any ideas or suggestions for boutique items to sell at the winter concerts to let him know. Pat Banda suggested gift baskets for raffle. The bake sale at last year's concert was successful. There will be a 50/50 raffle at each concert.

**Other Business:** Cathy Woods will be donating two Bruins tickets to be raffled off. Kevin Bleier will ask Mr. Harrington if this can be raffled off at a football game. Cathy will give the date of the game to John Romano.

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

- Ms. Mette presented the lined navy wind pants she purchased for the drum section. She also presented the new baseball cap and wool hat with the Wildcat logo. She ordered both hats from the same company and was given a good deal.

The old baseball hats will be worn by the elementary school band at the Memorial Day Parade. Ms. Mette will give Pat Banda the invoice.

- Ms. Mette presented a Wildcat chair made by the grandfather of a former band student. The band parents will raffle this chair at a silent auction at Comedy Night.
- Ms. Mette updated the band parents on the plans for a trip to Disney World in December 2009. She reported she has contacted travel companies and will look at their quotes. She will contact the airlines in December for their quotes.
- The band schedule of events is online at the website [www.wildcatbands.com](http://www.wildcatbands.com), in the calendar section.

Kevin Bleier requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Romano made the motion and Lee Sacks seconded, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Marra

**The next band parent meeting will be held on  
Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.**