

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

In Attendance: Kevin Bleier, Joan Marra, Craig Musicant, Ms. Mette, Joanie Parisi, Gina Quinton, Maria Goncalves, Gail White, Lee W. Sacks, Jennifer Baima, Janis Breslin, Pat Banda, John Romano and Cathy Woods

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

Minutes of October, 2008 Meeting: October minutes were presented and Kevin Bleier asked to make a motion to approve the minutes. Craig Musicant made a motion to approve the minutes and Gail White seconded the motion, all were in favor. The minutes were accepted.

Ms. Mette's Report:

- Ms. Mette thanked the band parents for their help with the Columbus Day Parade and the Woburn Halloween Parade.
- There will be no band performance in North Andover on 11/07/08, because of the cost of the bus and truck rental.
- There are home football games scheduled for Friday, 11/14/08 and Thanksgiving Day, 11/27/08. Performance schedule is posted on the website www.wildcatbands.com.
- The band will be participating in the Veteran's Day Ceremony on 11/11/08. Students will report to the band room at 10:15 a.m.
- The band will be having their annual Food Drive on Saturday, 11/22/08. The WHS Club will be collaborating with the WHS Band for the food drive this year. Band parents are needed to supervise band students participating. Donations will be taken at Market Basket, Lucci's Supermarket and Elia's Country Store. Ms. Mette and Miss DiLullo will be collecting donations from students and bring these to the food pantry. Band parents are asked to volunteer to oversee the students doing collections at Market Basket and Lucci's.
- On 11/06/08 Ms. Mette will be meeting with a travel agent regarding the Disney trip to find out more about a deadline and costs. Ms. Mette will report on the details at the next band parent meeting.
- WCTV will be taping messages to send to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The WHS band will be taped performing two songs and a few students will give the troops a message from the band.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Banda reported that the ending balance in the Checking Account as of 11/02/08 is \$12,553.68 (this is before Yankee Candle money distribution to individual student accounts). The ending balance in the Scholarship Account as of 11/02/08 is \$10,177.20. The ending balance in the Uniform Account as of 11/02/08 is \$6,814.41.

OLD BUSINESS

Parades/Football Games: Kevin Bleier thanked all the parent volunteers for help at the parades on 10/12/08 and 10/26/08 and pop corn sales on 10/10/08 and 10/31/08.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser: The Yankee Candle pick up dates were 11/01/08 and 11/02/08. If you have any questions you can contact Cheryl Gustafson at ca.gustafson@comcast.net.

Calendar: Craig Musicant reported that the calendar is finished. He will be using a printing company in Burlington who can produce an 11 x 17 folded and stapled calendar for \$6.50 each with a minimum order of 200. Craig will contact the School Administration and get an updated 2009/2010 school calendar to update his calendar before printing. Band parents will sell the calendar at football games, concerts and take orders. Craig will need a 50% deposit. Kevin Bleier made a motion to place an order for 200 calendars and Janis Breslin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Yard Sale: John Romano reported that the yard sale was a big success. He thanked all of the volunteers. \$1,700 was raised. Kevin Bleier offered to sign a community service form for any student who volunteered.

Bruins Ticket Raffle: John Romano reported that Cathy Woods donated two Bruins tickets for a game on 01/22/08. The tickets will be raffled off at the Thanksgiving Day Football Game for \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. He will need six to ten people to help. John will pick up different color tickets, so they will not be confused with the 50/50 raffle. If you would like to help you can contact John Romano at patjr@comcast.net.

Comedy Night: Gail White reported that Comedy Night is scheduled for Friday, 02/06/08 at the Nights of Columbus. Band parents will be selling 150 tickets for tables of 10.

NEW BUSINESS:

Football Game Concession: The band parents will be selling popcorn at the football games on 11/14/08 and 11/27/08. Volunteers are needed and Kevin Bleier passed around a sign up sheet.

Pizza Night: The band parents will be hosting a pizza night for the band on 11/14/08. Ms. Mette will pass out forms to students to take orders. A coordinator is needed as well as three to four volunteers. Liz Harriman and Gina Quintin volunteered to coordinate the event. Contact Kevin Bleier if you are interested in helping.

Winter Concerts: Kevin reported that the WHS concert will be 12/05/08, WMS concert will be 12/12/08 and the elementary school concert will be 12/16/08. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a table to sell boutique items. John Romano offered to organize bake sales at all three concerts. Calendars should also be available for sale. Craig Musicant will put this in the newsletter. Plans will be finalized at the next band meeting scheduled for 12/03/08.

Kevin Bleier requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lee Sacks made the first motion and Gina Quinton seconded, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Marra

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