

**WILMINGTON WILDCAT BAND PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING
MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2008**

In Attendance: Kevin Bleier, Joan Marra, Craig Musicant, Ms. Mette, Miss DiLullo, Janis Breslin, Maria Goncalves, Linda Spinazola, Pat Banda, John Grealish, Kevin Caira, Ann Marie Robinson, Lee W. Sacks, Cathy Woods, Susan LaRusso, Liz Harriman and Jennifer Baima

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

Minutes of November, 2008 Meeting: November minutes were presented and Kevin Bleier asked to make a motion to approve the minutes. John Grealish made a motion to approve the minutes and Lee Sacks 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 11/30/08 is \$12,066.74 (this is before Yankee Candle money distribution to individual student accounts). The ending balance in the Scholarship Account as of 11/30/08 is \$10,179.28. The ending balance in the Uniform Account as of 11/30/08 is \$6,814.41.

OLD BUSINESS

Yankee Candle Fundraiser: The Yankee Candle fundraiser is complete, all orders were distributed. There was a mix up with two orders, but they should be shipped this week. Ms. Mette needs a list of the profit for distribution to the student accounts. Kevin will ask Cheryl to give this list to Ms. Mette.

Calendar: Craig Musicant reported that the calendar is complete. He ordered 200 calendars which will sell for \$10.00 each. The calendars will be sold at the band concerts and order forms will be handed out. There is also an order form on the website (to order on the website the calendar will be \$12.50, which will include Pay Pal and shipping). Craig can order more calendars from the printer if needed.

Bruins Ticket Raffle: Kevin reported that the Bruins ticket raffle at the Thanksgiving Day Football game made a profit of \$907. Thank you to Cathy Woods for donating the tickets.

Pizza Night: Pizza night was a success. Thank you to the parents who coordinated and helped make the night a success. There were 140 kids and they made a profit of \$237.55, because the band parents had the soda.

Comedy Night: Kevin Caira reported there is no update on the comedians. Kevin brought tickets to the meeting for purchase. Contact either Kevin or Aldo Caira for tickets. John Romano and John Grealish offered to run a silent auction and there will be raffles also.

NEW BUSINESS:

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 WHS band calendars will be sold. Five to six volunteers are needed for the raffle and one person to sell calendars. Kevin passed around a sign up list for volunteers and there will also be a notice on the website. Kevin will contact Mark Levine for videotaping.

New Fundraising E-mail Address: If you would like to contact the fundraising committee the e-mail address is FundRaising@WilmingtonBandParents.org.

Ms. Mette:

- **Food Drive:** Ms. Mette thanked all the parent volunteers who helped with the food drive. This year there were a lot of donations. The band students collected 350 bags of food and \$150 in donations.
- **Band Concerts:** The high school and middle school ticket information is on the website and students can purchase tickets in school.
- **Senior Trip:** The senior band members will be taking a trip to New York City. The trip is planned for the weekend of 03/07/09. The bus will leave on 03/07/09 at 7:00 a.m. and returning 03/08/09 in the p.m. The total cost of the trip for the seniors is estimated at \$320.
- **Disney Trip:** If the trip gets approved by the school committee, the band will be traveling to Disney in Florida the first weekend in December 2009. Ms. Mette has contacted a travel agent who will coordinate the trip. The estimated total cost of the trip is \$840 minus any money students have in their account. The tour will include three nights hotel, airfare, motor coach, three American breakfast buffets, one dinner show, a four day Disney admission pass and a music workshop with a professional conductor. Notices will go out to parents at the end of January with a payment schedule. If there are an excessive amount of students that cannot go due to financial reasons due to the economy, the trip will be cancelled.

Kevin Bleier requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Craig Musicant made the first motion and Cathy Woods seconded, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Marra

**The next band parent meeting will be held on
Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**