

**WILMINGTON WILDCAT BAND PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING
MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2009**

In Attendance: Kevin Bleier, Joan Marra, Craig Musicant, Ms. Mette, Miss DiLullo, Jeff Kline, Jane Ammon, Maria Goncalves, Cathy Woods, Carolyn Parece, Joanie Parisi, Cheryl Ricardo, Janis Breslin, Gail White, Joanne Johansson, Rick Surette, Bob Fino, John Romano, John Grealish, Lynda Spinazola, Pat Banda, Liz Harriman, Cheryl Gustafson, and Kevin Caira

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

Minutes of January, 2009 Meeting: January 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 Cathy Woods 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 01/31/09 is \$5,313.46. The ending balance in the Scholarship Account as of 01/31/09 is \$10,183.60. The ending balance in the Uniform Account as of 01/31/09 is \$6,818.70.

OLD BUSINESS

Calendar: Craig Musicant reported there have been no new sales of the calendars. The remaining calendars will be given to businesses who have donated to the band's silent auction fundraiser along with a thank you note from the band parents.

Comedy Night: Comedy Night is Friday, February 6, 2009 at the Knights of Columbus. Kevin Caira reported 250 tickets were sold. The Sons of Italy will have raffles. John Romano and John Grealish organized a silent auction fundraiser. There is a link on the Band Parent Newsletter to view the prizes in the silent auction. John Romano will coordinate thank you letters along with band calendars to be given to the businesses that donated to the silent auction fundraiser for the band.

Ms. Mette:

- 1 Ms. Mette will present the Disney trip to the Wilmington School Committee for approval on Wednesday, February 11, 2009. If the trip is approved by the school committee, she will give each band student a survey to fill out. If a large number of students cannot go on the trip due to a financial hardship, the band will not go.
- 2 Ms. Mette reported that the Performing Arts Department purchased a new microphone system from proceeds of ticket sales.
- 3 Ms. Mette reported she is still working on a trip for the senior band members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Senior Scholarships: Kevin Bleier opened a discussion about scholarships for this year's graduating senior band and color guard members. This year there are 27 senior band and color guard members. In the past all senior band members were eligible to submit their name for a scholarship to be picked out of hat by band parents. John Romano suggested limiting scholarship eligibility to only those students who are college bound (including technical/trade school) or enlisting in the military. A discussion took place. Jeff Kline suggested each student fill out a form indicating their future plans after graduation. Ms. Mette will collect the forms and present them to the band parents. The band parents will then decide what students are eligible to place their names in the hat to be selected for a scholarship. Jeff Kline made a motion to accept the new selection process for scholarship eligibility and the majority of the band parents were in favor. A discussion about how many scholarships to be given this year will take place at the next band parent meeting.

Wish List: John Romano reported the fundraising committee would like to purchase something on the band wish list. Suggestions were made and this will be discussed at March's band parent meeting. Kevin asked to make a motion to continue this discussion at March's meeting. John Grealish made the motion and Cathy Woods seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Marra

**The next band parent meeting will be held on
Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**

AMMENDMENT: At the March 4, 2009 Meeting a motion was made to re-open the scholarship eligibility process for discussion. Patty Shafer made a motion to approve re-opening the discussion and Jennifer Baima seconded the motion. All were in favor. Please see March 4, 2009 minutes for results of this discussion.