

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

In Attendance: Kevin Bleier, Joan Marra, Craig Musicant, Ms. Mette, Miss DiLullo, Ann Marie Robinson, Karen Mackinnon, Lynda Spinazola, Patty Shafer, Pat Banda, Lisa Monteforte, Craig Musicant, Jane Ammon, Linda Valenti, Cathy Woods, Carolyn Parece, Maria Goncalves, Janis Breslin, George Breslin, Rick Surette, Kevin Caira, Patricia Romano, John Grealish, Cheryl Ricardo, Joanie Parisi, Laura Canty, Cheryl Gustafson, Bob Fino, Diane Harvey Jennifer Baima and Gina Quinton

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

Minutes of February, 2009 Meeting: February minutes were presented and Kevin Bleier asked to make a motion to approve the minutes. A correction will be made to change 27 band seniors to 27 band and color guard seniors. John Grealish made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction and Cathy Woods seconded the motion, all were in favor. The minutes were accepted.

Note: An amendment will be added to February 2009 minutes that 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 the Scholarship section below for details.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Banda reported that the ending balance in the Checking Account as of 02/28/09 is \$5,310.96. The ending balance in the Scholarship Account as of 02/28/09 is \$10,185.55. The ending balance in the Uniform Account as of 02/28/09 is \$6,820.01.

OLD BUSINESS

Comedy Night: Kevin Caira reported that Comedy Night was a big success. 256 people attended at \$15 a ticket for a total of \$3,840.00. The raffle raised \$1,000 and the silent auction raised \$800 for a total income of \$5,690. Total expenses incurred were \$1,533.22. Expenses included comedians, K of C Hall rental, chips & pretzels, and raffle items. There was a total profit of \$4,156.78. Kevin Caira presented a check for \$2,500 to the band parents and \$1,656.78 will go to the Wilmington Sons of Italy.

Kevin Caira would like to thank the co-chair - Gail White and Aldo Caira; committee - Michele Nortonen and Cheryl Caira; booking agent - Steve Bjork. Kevin also would like to thank the comedians Mike Whitman, Rich Gustus, Mike Prior and Jim Colliton. Kevin would like to thank those who provided the silent auction, co-chair - John Romano and John Grealish; committee - Patricia Romano, Rick Surette, Chris DiOreo and Martha Rose. He would also like to thank those who donated raffle gifts: Cheryl Caira, Wilmington Junior Lodge (Mary Buscone), John Romano, Jane Ammon, Liz Hariman, Bob Fino, Regina DeRosa, MacKinnon family and Wilmington Sons of Italy. Also thank you to Lodge President Charlie DeStefano and Band Parents President Kevin Bleier as well as Barbara Mette and Anita DiLullo.

John Grealish made a motion to send the Sons of Italy and contributors a thank you note and Jennifer Baima seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Senior Scholarships: Kevin Bleier opened the scholarship discussion asking how many and what amount will be given this year to graduating band and color guard members. Cathy Woods reported that after last month's discussion she contacted Strings and Boosters and found out that their scholarship recipients do not have to be going onto college to be eligible. Patty Shafer made a motion to re-open the scholarship selection process discussion and Jennifer Baima seconded it. All were in favor of re-opening the discussion. After a discussion it was decided that the process used in the past worked well. The process used in the past allowed the band director to have a conversation with graduating band and color guard members to gather information and then their names would be placed in a hat. Band parents would then draw names out of hat. Cheryl Gustafson made a motion to continue with the process used in the past and John Grealish seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Kevin reported that last year 12 scholarships were given out for \$500 each. John Grealish made a motion to give the same amount as last year and Bob Fino seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Wish List: Ms. Mette gave suggestions for her wish list to the band parents for discussion. She suggested the band could use the cost of the marching band show, two double French horns, three marching French horns and approximately 30 helmets. Ms. Mette will check the prices of the horns and also get a quote for the helmets. A proposal was made to set aside \$6,000 for purchases. Jennifer Baima made a motion to approve the \$6,000 for purchases and John Grealish seconded it. All were in favor. Pat Banda reminded everyone that last year \$2,000 of financial aid was needed for band students and color guard to attend band camp.

Ms. Mette:

1. Ms. Mette reported that she has planned a trip with the graduating seniors for Friday, May 8, 2009. They will be renting a party bus to go to Boston for an Improv Show. They will then return to the band room for a slumber party. A pot luck dinner will be planned.
2. Ms. Mette reported that the School Committee approved the band travelling to Disney World. Ms. Mette sent a survey home with 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grade band students and color guard. This survey is to find out how many students would need financial aid to be able to travel with the band for this trip. When the surveys are returned she will contact the travel agent.
3. Miss DiLullo has organized a cookie dough fundraiser to help defray the cost of the Disney trip. The fundraiser will run from 03/04/09 to 03/16/09, all forms are due back on 03/18/09. If the group can sell 1700 tubs of cookie dough, the profit

will be 50%. Each student's profit will be credited to their travel account. This fundraiser was approved by the School committee.

4. Ms. Mette reported camp forms will be out in a few weeks. Band camp will be 08/23/09 to 08/27/09. She does not have a final cost yet.
5. Ms. Mette showed the band parents the new microphone system purchased for the Performing Arts Department from ticket proceeds.

NEW BUSINESS:

April 30th Pops Concert: The Pops Concert will be held on 04/30/09. Band parents are needed to provide punch and cookies to be set up in the cafeteria. If anyone is interested, they can contact Kevin Bleier.

George Breslin announced he had tickets for C.A.T.S. March-A-Pella and would sell them after the meeting. March-A-Pella will be held on 03/12/09 at the Wilmington Middle School.

Kevin Bleier asked to make a motion to adjourn the meeting. Patty Shafer made the first motion and Bob Fino seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Marra

**The next band parent meeting will be held on
Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**