

**WILMINGTON WILDCAT BAND PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING
MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, May 13, 2009**

In Attendance: Kevin Bleier, Joan Marra, Craig Musicant, Ms. Mette, Bob Fino, Craig Musicant, Cheryl Gustafson, Janis Breslin, Cheryl Ricardo, Gail White, Judy Keefe, John Grealish, Jane Ammon, Chris Hayes, Ann Marie Robinson, Laura Canty, Pat Banda, Joanie Parisi, Lynda Spinazola, Julie Manos, Alicia Johnson, Jennifer Baima and Kevin Caira

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

Minutes of April, 2009 Meeting: April 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 Gail White seconded the motion, all were in favor. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Banda reported that the ending balance in the Checking Account as of 05/13/09 is \$8,530.64. The ending balance in the Scholarship Account as of 05/13/09 is \$6,690.78. The ending balance in the Uniform Account as of 05/13/09 is \$6,822.86.

OLD BUSINESS

Pops Concert: The Pops Concert was held on 04/30/09 at the Wilmington Middle School. Kevin would like to thank the parents who organized the cookies & punch reception following the concert. A 50/50 raffle was held with a profit of \$187. Kevin would like to thank the parents who sold raffle tickets.

May 5th Band Festival: The Band Festival was held on 05/05/09 at Wilmington High School. A 50/50 raffle was held with a profit of \$520. Kevin would like to thank the parents who sold tickets. A Red Sox Raffle drawing was held at the concert with a profit of \$2,557. Kevin would like to thank Rick Surette, John & Patricia Romano and John Grealish.

Elections for 2009 – 2010 Officers:

Nominations were accepted for band officers. Kevin Caira withdrew his name and nominated Bob Fino for vice president. John Grealish made a motion to close the nomination process and all were in favor. The following officers were voted in:

- President – Kevin Bleier
- Vice President – Bob Fino
- Treasurer – Pat Banda
- Recording Secretary – open
- Publicity Director – Craig Musicant

Scholarship Drawings: All the names of the 26 senior band and color guard members were placed into a hat and randomly chosen to receive a scholarship. Twelve scholarships for \$500 will be presented to the students at WHS Scholarship Night.

NEW BUSINESS

Yankee Candle: Cheryl Gustafson asked the band parents if they would like to continue with the Yankee Candle Fundraiser in the fall. Everyone agreed to continue with the fundraiser. Cheryl will sign the band up for the Yankee Candle Fundraiser.

Memorial Day Parade Concessions: The band parents will have a concession stand at the Memorial Day Parade. Volunteers are needed to sell soda, water, popcorn and balloons. Volunteers are also needed to help set up and clean up. There are enough balloons for the parade, but a helium canister will need to be rented. Band parents will call band students asking for donations of water and soda. WHS will be open at 7:00 a.m. for band parents to have access to popcorn machine and other items needed for the concession.

Update from Ms. Mette:

- Ms. Mette reported that the Senior Lock-In was a big success. They rented a party bus and attended an Improv Show in Boston. Ms. Mette was very grateful to Gail White for hosting the senior band students for their overnight lock-in. She also thanked Peg Bleier and Mary Lou Ferraro for organizing the food.
- On Monday, June 8, 2009, there will be a Band Reception at 7:00 p.m. in the WHS Cafeteria replacing the band banquet held in the past. Pastry, cheese & crackers and beverages will be served at the reception. A slide show will be presented in the WHS Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.
- The proposed dates for the Disney Trip are 12/03/09 to 12/06/09. An audition tape will be made and sent to Disney.

Kevin Bleier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Grealish made the first motion and Bob Fino made the second motion, all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Marra

**The next band parent meeting will be held on
Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**