

WILMINGTON BAND PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2009

In Attendance: David Donnell, Lynda Spinazola, Maria Goncalves, Laura Canty, Patricia Romano, Paula Surette, Delores Maienza, John Grealish, Evelyn Cotto, Greg Monteforte, Jane Ammon, Linda Valenti, Diane Harvey, Jim Hayes, Christine Hayes, Ann Marie Robinson, Maryellen Halas, Cheryl Gustafson, Patti Plante, Paula Baker, Joanie Parisi, Cheryl Ricardo, Lisa Troy, Cathy Woods, Joanne Johansson, Bob Fino, Diane Harvey, Barbara Mette, Pat Banda

Meeting Called to Order: By Kevin Bleier at 7:02 in WHS Music Room

Approval of September 2009 meeting minutes: Kathy Woods raised a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the October 7, 2009 meeting. Greg Monteforte seconded the motion. There were no corrections to the minutes and the motion was unanimously accepted.

Ms. Mette's Report: Ms. Mette went over the itinerary for the Disney trip which will be posted on the website.

The band members will have a wrist band with Ms. Mette's cell phone number on it. Groups 1, 2 & 4 going AirTran need to be at terminal C at 4:00 am to meet Ms. Mette. Group 3 flying Southwest need to be at terminal E at 4:00 am to meet Ms. Kelly. Ms. Mette will have tickets and will check everyone in together and then go through security as a group. Everyone will need to wear their band baseball hat. All groups will meet at the airport in Orlando.

Ms. Mette will provide updated information on the website and at the Band Parents Meetings as she receives new information.

Chaperone meeting to be held on November 30th at 7:00. Meeting will last 30 to 45 minutes. Will go over what we do and how we do it.

There is a sign up sheet on line for parents to volunteer time at the check in points. We will need two people at the check point. Please sign up for a 1 hour block of time. We usually have the check in point at a spot where all the kids can see it. The kids will need to check in every two hours and they can also stop by at any time if they have a problem of some type.

Questions?

Will the kids need ID's? Yes, they will need their school ID for security at the airport. Some of the sub-freshman do not have school ID's. Ms. Mette said she would find out when they are getting their IDs.

Do you have a preference about dropping the kids off at the airport? Would you like us to drop off or come into the terminal? Either way is fine. It is up to the parents.

Do you have a preference about checked luggage? Do you prefer all carry-on? Again up to you. We will have to wait for baggage anyway.

What meals will the kids have to pay for? It is posted on line.

There was some discussion about getting a bus to bring the kids to the airport. Ms. Mette thought it would be expensive. The band parents discussed paying for it. Since we did not have any cost information we could not vote on using band parent funding. In general people thought we could car pool, share paid transportation, etc.

Annual Food Drive – Saturday, November 21st. We need adults to volunteer. Sign up sheet was passed around. I would be good if we had another driver to bring food to the pantry from 9:00 to 3:00 as well.

There was some discussion about loading the truck for the trip. Ms. Mette said the kids could load the truck and they could work out the details at a later time.

Treasure’s Report: Pat Banda provided the following information on the Band Parent’s Finances:

Checking Account:	\$20,329.90 (11,253.32 candle money must be moved to student accounts)
Scholarship Account:	\$6,696.93
Uniform Account:	\$6,828.63

Pat also provided a sheet that compared fundraising efforts from this year to last year.

Old Business

Kevin Bleier thanked everyone for volunteering for the popcorn stand at the football games. We made a profit on both nights. He also thanked everyone who volunteered for the pizza night and the two parades.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser

Not all candles have been picked up. Please pick up your candles on Saturday, 12:00 to 8:30.

Website Update

A new website was launched today. A short demo of the new site was given. Take a look at it when you have time. To access the pictures on the site you need to use the username “bees” and the password “buzzing”.

New Business

Picture of the band

Craig took a picture of the band at the Columbus Day Parade. We will use it as a thank you to local business and others who have supported the band. A motion was made by John Grealish to put aside \$200 for printing and framing of the pictures. The motion was seconded by Bob Fino. The motion was unanimously approved.

Volunteers Needed

We still need a couple more volunteers for popcorn and Bruins ticket raffle sales for the Senior Night on November 6th as well as the Thanksgiving away game.

There was discussion about sending the band to the Andover away game that Fox 25 was going to broadcast at. Ms. Mette stated that we only do one away game a year and this year it is Thanksgiving because the bus cost \$1,000. It was decided not to pay for the transportation to the away game.

Volunteers will be needed for the 50/50 raffle at the three holiday band concerts

Other Fundraisers

The Sons of Italy will have their annual comedy night. Kevin Caira is our liaison with the Sons of Italy for this fundraiser. It will be held on February 5, 2009. Doors open at 8:00 and the show will start at 9:00. Tickets are \$15 per person. We usually try to sell by tables of 10. They also have a raffle at this event. Talk to Kevin about donations for the raffle.

The next meeting will be held on January 6th, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 pm.