

WILMINGTON BAND PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

In attendance: Kevin Bleier, Bob Fino, Jane Ammon, Linda Valenti, Lynda Spinazola, John Grealish, Cathy Woods, Lisa Troy, Kevin Cairra, Maura Kilbride, Cheryl Mallett, Joanne Johansson, Ann Marie Robinson, Michelle Lifton, Ms. Mette

Meeting Called to Order: By Kevin Bleier at 7:00 in WHS Music Room

- Kevin Bleier, President of the Band Parents Organization, welcomed new and returning members to the first meeting of the new school year. He introduced the present officers and reviewed the purpose of the Band Parents organization: supporting the WHS band through fund-raising, volunteering and purchasing instruments and uniforms band officers.

Treasurer's Report: Joanne Johansson reviewed the following information on the Band Parent's Finances as of 8/31/11.

Checking Account:	\$1064.31
Scholarship Account:	\$5309.37
Savings Account:	\$4837.60

Ms. Mette's Report

- Asked for reimbursement for the following items:
 - 6 band camp financial aid scholarships + 4 chaperone financial scholarships = \$1840.
 - Drill payment = \$1200 to Deb Hubert
- Would like to replace 8 year old faded color guard uniforms = \$1500-\$1800
- Would like to be able to fund returning chaperones next year = \$4800
- No major trip this year as the cost is prohibitive at this time. The thought is to begin fundraising in January for a trip next year.
- Senior will have a special activity later this year.
- The band will be performing at the 911 Ceremony on Sunday at the Town Commons.
- There will be no costumes at the Woburn parade this year.

Discussion ensued about the possibility of contacting the Sons of Italy for partial sponsorship of the Color Guard uniforms, as well as soliciting other Wilmington Civic organizations for contributions to offset the cost.

A motion to fund Ms. Mette's requests for new color guard uniforms, charting cost and band camp scholarships at a total cost of \$4840 was made by John Grealish, seconded by Cathy Woods. The motion was unanimously accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

Memorial Day Volunteers - Thank you to all who volunteered their time to help us with another successful fundraising day! Also, a special thank you to Rick Surrence for conducting the Red Sox raffles. Over the last few years, these raffles have raised over \$7000! Thanks also to John Grealish and John Romano for helping out.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Positions

- Publicity Director - looking for a volunteer for this position.
- Video Recorder - we are contacting WCTV to see if they have someone that would be interested in videotaping our concerts.

Band College Scholarships - thank you notes were received over the summer from the following 2011 recipients; Ben Levine, Nate Harvey, Amy Ciara, Jess Maienza, and Marilyn Manos.

Band Sponsor Banner - it is being printed and will be ready for the first football game. Family sponsorship was \$25 and business sponsorship was \$50. A profit of \$900 is expected which is comparable to previous years.

Yankee Candle Sale - Cheryl Mallett is chairing the sale this year. Sale runs from 9/19 through 10/3. Delivery is expected by Thanksgiving.

Volunteer Opportunities -

- Popcorn Sales - 3 home football games coming up; 9/28, 10/7, 10/14
- Parade walkers - North End 10/9, Woburn 10/30
- Pizza Night - 10/14

Sons of Italy Comedy Night 2/3 - Tickets will be again \$15 per person. There will be a cash bar and the venue has been changed to the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks as it offers more room.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 by Cathy Woods, seconded by John Grealish. The motion was unanimously accepted.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lynda Spinazola, Recording Secretary*