

STRINGS ATTACHED PARENT SUPPORT

Minutes for November 2011 Meeting

11/16/2011

Middle School Library

14 members in attendance

1. Treasurer's Report – Sue Connors
 - Scholarship Night raised enough funds for 2 scholarships. We extend a big “Thank You!” to Rocco's Restaurant and the Knights of Columbus for their generosity in providing the food and venue.
2. Fundraising.
 - A. Ornaments**

Alicia Johnson. The design is a bell for 2011, along with Lake George and Graduation designs also available. Flyers sent out. Due date of December 6.
 - B. Bova Productions Show**

March 10 is tentative date at Villanova Hall. Tickets will be \$20. Bring your own dinner/snacks. Theme: The Rat Pack. Ticket sales profits go to your child's account. Will look into possible donations of soda, beer, wine. Let Robin Frost know if you have a connection in the industry who may donate or if you would like to donate as an individual.
 - C. Barnes & Noble Day**

Possible dates: Jan 12, Jan 13 or Jan15. Jan 15th looks like best date, on a Sunday. Between 2 and 6pm students can play. A portion of sales made that day will go to SAPS general account.
There's also a possibility of a time for students to play at the Burlington Mall. There are 2 hour blocks of time available when student groups can play. Usually a Saturday or Sunday. Nadine Peroni and Mr. D will look into possible dates; maybe 12/18. More info to come.
 - D. Clothing Drive**

Andrea Gillis
Flyers have gone out. Boxes in place at the schools and a bin at Sue's house, 2 Blackstone St. SAPS earns 10 cents a pound for donations of shoes & clothing. Donations accepted until Dec 2.
 - E. Trip Raffle**

ACIS/Encore Tours donates a European weekend trip to SAPS to raffle off as a fundraiser. Every ticket that Strings' families sell, the money goes to their student's travel account.

1st part of raffle sales: mailing will go out to each Strings family in March with a book of 10 tickets to sell.

2nd part of raffle sales: outside sales. Will take place between March 24th and April 15th (approximately). Parents man sites throughout town to sell tickets. All profits go to your child's account. The outside ticket sales' profit is averaged out and parents earn approximately \$30 - \$35/ hour profit.

F. Gift Card Sales – Pia Romano

Through this fundraiser you can order the same gift cards for the holidays that would normally buy, at the same cost, and SAPS get a percentage of the sales. Deadline is Dec 2 to return orders.

G. Election Day Bake Sale

12/6/11 Special vote for new High School. Bake sale will be held at the Town Hall. Let us know if you can bake or help cover the table.

H. Strings Store – Tricia O'Donoghue

We need some Middle School and Elementary School parents to help cover the store at the High School Concert on December 1st, so the High School parents can watch the concert.

We'll also need parents to sell raffle tickets at both concerts at the High School & Middle School. Middle School concert is on December 13.

3. Scholarship Committee

Tricia O'Donoghue, chairperson

2 scholarships to be awarded this year. The committee will meet in January to review the application & the application process; date to come. Let Tricia know if you want to be a part of the committee.

**If you already expressed interest at a prior SAPS meeting, email Tricia at pajo99@msn.com to make sure she has your name.

4. Mr. Dilmore's Report

- High School Concert on 12/1 Thursday at 7:00. 140 students performing. Toys for Tots will be accepting toy donations.
- Middle School Concert on Tuesday 12/13 at 7:00. Also collecting for Toys for Tots.
- West Intermediate School Concert in the daytime on 12/20.
- State House Tree Lighting trip/performance, high school students, on 12/6 at 11:00. Strings Attached was selected as the only orchestra to perform and represent the Commonwealth of Mass.
- North Intermediate Concert not set yet.
- Arch of Bows on 2/14/12, Love Day.
- Lake George Trip – leave May 24th and return the evening of May 25th. Students travel to Lake George New York for a group performance for judges and stop at Six Flags on the return home. 100 6th & 7th grade

students qualify for the trip currently. Those who didn't qualify have been given opportunity for tutors, etc.

Parents who also want to go should contact the Holiday Inn in Lake George at (518) 668-5781 to reserve a room for May 24 (one night stay over).

The February 15th SAPS meeting in the Middle School Auditorium, will be earmarked for Lake George info. Student and parent travel contracts and info packets will be handed out at the meeting.

Cost per student will be approximately \$225 which covers the cost of the motor coach, hotel, cruise ship for performance & dinner, and Six Flags.

5. Voting

- a. To allocate profits from Ornament Sale to the general fund. So voted.
- b. To allocate profits from Gift Card Sale to the general fund. So voted.
- c. To make a donation from SAPS to the Firefighters Fund. So voted.

6. Old Business

A. Website – www.WilmingtonStrings.org Check it out for info, pictures, upcoming events, order forms, etc. Nancy Ennis does our postings. Send her any notices, pictures, etc. to go on the website at nme99@comcast.net

B. Wish List

Mr. D requests: one new Bass and case for the Middle School and 3 Bass Amplifiers, at a total estimated cost of \$1000. So voted.

C. Hiring New Strings Teacher

Position will be posted again with wider outreach to potential candidates. Will now be posted as a full-time position.

7. New Business

A. Movie Night

Will be held at Villanova Hall for the younger students grades 4-8. Tentative date 2/3/12 or 2/10/12. Let us know if you're interested in helping out with this.

**NEXT SAPS MEETING WEDNESDAY 1/25/2012
7:30 MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY
Hope to see you then!**

Minutes submitted by Mary Mullens