

STRINGS ATTACHED PARENT SUPPORT

Minutes for October 2011 Meeting

10/19/2011

Middle School Library

15 members in attendance

1. Treasurer's Report – Sue Connors

- Yankee Candle sales: profit \$9200 for student accounts. Great job everyone!
- Sue will be preparing information for students who have funds available to transfer to ACIS for Ireland trip. All students who are going to Ireland will get an info sheet. Payment from student accounts will be sent to ACIS the end of November.

2. Fundraising.

A. Scholarship Night/Oktoberfest

Friday 10/21/11 at Knights of Columbus Hall. \$25 per ticket.
101 tickets sold so far.

B. Jasmine Cuisine Restaurant

SAPS will receive a portion of the sales. Will probably take place after January 1st.

C. Santa Maria Pizza Nights

November 14 – Middle School & High School

November 15 – Elementary Schools

Notice to come home.

D. Clothing Drive

Andrea Gillis

To start soon and will run through Thanksgiving. Bins will be located at the schools and at Sue Connors house (big white bins). Pickup done by the company once a week. Clothing and shoes donations. Notice and email will come out soon. SAPS gets paid by the pound. Funds raised will go to the General fund.

E. London Trip Raffle

Robin Frost – mailings

Kathy O'Brien – outside ticket sales

Raffle ticket packets will be mailed to each Strings family.
Every ticket you sell is 100% profit for your child's account.
Dates of ticket sales to come.

Outside ticket sales: is an averaged rate per hour that you can earn towards your child's account.

All ticket sales must be by parents; children cannot sell since it's considered gambling.

More info to come.

F. Gift Card Sales – Pia Romano

Consists of on-line sales of gift cards of all types. Cost for cards is the same as buying them at the venues. Portion of the proceeds will go to SAPS general fund. A notice to come.

G. Election Day Bake Sales

12/6/11 Special vote for new High School. We will probably use this date for the next bake sale.

H. Strings Ornaments- 3 types of ornaments will be for sale at the Strings store and by order form: Holiday, Lake George, and Graduation/Senior ornaments. 50% of sale profits for SAPS. Ordering info to come.

3. Scholarship Committee

Tricia O'Donoghue, chairperson

Money for scholarships raised at the Scholarship Night. Last year we gave out four \$1000 scholarships. The committee will meet in January and a couple more meetings to come after that. Anyone interested in participating, contact Tricia.

4. Mr. Dilmore's Report

The high school seniors are prepping for their performance at the Scholarship Night on Friday.

Mr. D has reserved limos from Lynnette's Limousine for the trip to the State House to play at the State House Tree Lighting. Cost is \$25 per person to travel in the limo. Parents welcome to come. Students will be performing at the base of the Grand Staircase in the State House. Pictures taken with Representative Miceli and hopefully the governor as well. Date to be announced.

6th & 7th graders are prepping for Lake George. Auditions on 10/31/11.

Students will audition with their roommate groups; never audition alone. If students are not prepared at this point, high school mentors will be available for them to practice with and given another shot to audition.

The 6th, 7th & 8th grades will have a Middle School holiday concert all together. The 8th graders will do the decorations.

Elementary schools: 4th graders are prepping for their first gig in February.

The 5th graders will be taking a late November or early January trip to the Middle School.

Ireland Trip – October invoices are now due. Paper bills not usually sent. Log on to the ACIS/Encore Tours website, www.encoretours.com and sign into your account to check for payment due.

We'll be staying in 2 hotels, one in Dublin and one in Kilkenny, Cork.

There are still a few spots left in the shadow trip.

5. Voting – none

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. Lockable Cages – final lumber to be ordered to build final 5 units. Shawsheen Tech is building them for us.

C. Children's Room – Rotary Club supported program. The Rotary Club is covering half of our cost for the lockable cages so SAPS would also like to support it. We will present our donation, which was voted in last year, and may have the kids perform for the Rotary Club.

7. New Business

A. Tax Status – there's a parent we've talked to who's a CPA specializing in non-profit organizations. She's offered to help us with filing status, re-word our by-laws, etc. to our best advantage and ease reporting burden.

B. Relay for Life – Strings Team? Group agreed, Yes! Sue Connors will be the chairperson for the team for 2012. Dates: 6/15 & 6/16/12. People can participate at whatever level they'd like. Set up, walking, all kinds of help needed. Can be students & parents, whoever wants to participate. There may be a limit on number of team members. More info to come next year. It's a great cause and a great event! . Matt DePasquale from Rocco's Restaurant volunteered to provide the food.

**NEXT SAPS MEETING WEDNESDAY 11/16/11
7:30 MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY
Hope to see you then!**