

STRINGS ATTACHED PARENT SUPPORT

Minutes for May Meeting

5/17/2011

Middle School Library

16 members in attendance

1. Treasurer's Report – Sue Connors
 - Flower Power payment went out. A few late orders.
 - Other payments to be made: Lumber company for lockable cages, the Jeweler for the senior charms and watches and Legacy Beads for the senior bracelets.
 - Budget breakout allocations will be voted on next meeting.
 - 4 Scholarship checks to be delivered to recipients at Awards Night at the High School.

Congratulations to our scholarship winners!

Katherine Aoki
Kay Tumino
Erika Johnson
Angelina Amato

2. Fundraising.

A. Santa Maria Pizza – Andrea Gillis

Will take place over several nights in May, one night for each school. Notices have gone out.

B. Clothing Drive

Andrea Gillis coordinating with help of some students. Likely dates: 6/6 to 6/10. More info to come.

C. Jasmin Restaurant – they have offered their restaurant for possible fundraiser night(s). More info to come.

D. Yankee Candle – Debbie Tetreault

Confirmed with Yankee Candle that we will be proceeding with fundraiser next year.

3. Scholarship Committee

- Tricia O'Donoghue chair
- The four scholarships will be presented at Awards Night at the High School.

4. Voting – none tonight

5. Mr. Dilmore's Report

Austria Trip was wonderful! Thank you to all the SAPS parents who helped out. It was a great trip with no major problems.

Next year – huge pyramid of classes. Will be over 150 in the high school orchestra soon. Posting for a new part-time teacher position. Mr. D will tag-team with the new teacher using both the auditorium and the lobby for students. Ireland Trip - Next month we will discuss the next trip to Europe at the SAPS meeting. Planning the Ireland trip. Since it will be a huge group must limit to 1 student and 1 parent unless also plan a “shadow trip” for others who want to attend. In this case there would have to be 2 hotels, one for student group and one for shadow trip group. Learned from Italy trip that a big group brings down the quality of the trip and limits venues we can fit into. Ireland won't be able to accommodate (the hotels, venues, etc) a huge group. There's very different planning issues with Ireland. A shadow trip would also be able to include adult options in the itinerary. Mr. D will look into the possible shadow trip. The next meeting, June 8th, will be discussion of Ireland trip.

Lake George – discussion on this to come in the Fall. For Lake George trip and Ireland, students and parents will need to complete travel contracts.

6. Old Business

- A. **Website** – Nancy Ennis – send her any notices, pictures, etc. to go on the website. Email Nancy at nme99@comcast.net
Strings website is www.WilmingtonStrings.org
- B. **Lockable Cages** – We've made huge strides with this. Materials ordered and Shawsheen Tech has begun construction of 1st set of cages. Will see how 1st set fits and proceed with building the rest.
- C. **Local Heroes** – Pia Romano. Still collecting donations until June 3rd. Please donate! Collection boxes located in the schools.
- D. **Dress Recycling Program** – Pia Romano taking over from Chris Blaisdell. Mr. D will make an announcement to students for anyone with concert dresses to donate should bring them in.

7. New Business

- A. **After-Concert Reception** – discussion of discontinuing it since group is now too large to accommodate everyone. Members in attendance agreed to discontinue.

- B. E Board** – If you're interested in joining the SAPS Executive Board, let us know. Board meets several times a year. Sometimes called upon to help where needed.
- C. New England Script** – possible new fundraiser through on-line gift card orders. Need someone to coordinate it. Let us know if you're interested in running this or helping out.
- D. Scholarship Night** – October 2011, possibly 10/21/11. Will be a dinner, probably with an Ireland theme, at the Knights of Columbus hall.
- E. Tony Bova Productions** – has offered to do another fundraiser dinner show for SAPS. Maybe in the Spring. Ticket sales profits will go to accounts of students who sell tickets.

**NEXT MEETING – JUNE 8, 2011, 7:30 PM
MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

Minutes submitted by Mary Mullens