

STRINGS ATTACHED PARENT SUPPORT

Minutes for March Meeting

3/17/2010

17 members in attendance

1. **Treasurer's Report** – Sue Connors, Treasurer

Savings: 15358.33
Checking: 4172.13 Beginning Balance
(8050.00) Budget

3176.63 Ending Balance

We received reimbursement from ACIS for one student who is no longer traveling to Austria. Your accounts with ACIS for the Austria trip should be on-line and accessible now.

\$100 donation to WPD approved.

2. **Fundraising:**

A. Bulb & Seeds Sale – Maureen Fruciano. Forms and catalogs went home with students. Will need help with tallying orders. Orders will be shipped directly to homes.

B. London Raffle – Mailing handled by Robin Frost. Please return money, stubs & unused tickets to her. 100% of the London raffle funds go to the students. Any ticket sales you make, the money goes to your child's account. You can choose which trip you want to put money towards; Austria for example.

Outdoor sales being handled by Kathy O'Brien. Will take place between 9am & 3pm around town. Parent volunteers are needed. No children can sell the raffle tickets. A ledger will be kept of the sales and funds will go to your child's account. 1st date: March 21st, thru mid April, and then again in the Fall. No selling on Easter, 4/4/10. Spots still open for outside sales. Please help!

C. Strings Store/Concert Raffles – Tricia O'Donoghue runs the Strings Store and Kathy O'Brien manages the raffles at the concerts. Let them know if you can help with either effort.

D. Barnes & Noble - Rosemary Bransfield arranging Barnes & Noble Days for Strings. June next date, possibly the Sunday before Father's Day. Students will be able to perform during the day and evening of sale day.

E. Election/Voting Day Bake Sales – Next one on election day. Alicia Johnson, Julie Manos & Pia Romano managing the sales. Let us know if you can bake or provide table coverage.

F. Bova Productions – Possible upcoming show at Villanova Hall. Discussion of the issue of having alcohol at show. Other groups doing similar events have purchased wine & beer and sold it to patrons. Or we could try to get a one-day liquor license. Will need a good strong committee to promote show. Please sign

up to help. We'll have a raffle as well. Mr. Bova will make the actual flyer and then we'll promote it. Ticket sales profits will go to students who sell them. We'll have to cover cost for lighting and sound guys. Mr. Bova and other performers donate their time. No janitorial cost at Villanova Hall, we'll be doing it. \$100 donation to Villanova Hall. Committee will need to meet and determine how to handle liquor issue. If we get a license, people can bring their own.

3. **Scholarship Committee:**Chris Blaisdell. Scholarship applications have gone out and are due back 3/25/10. 3 teachers who have signed on to grade essays: Ms. Bartone, Ms. Schack, and Ms. Beckwith.
4. **Mr. Dilmore's Report:**Bridge building between schools took place at the North and West Intermediates. Students went to the Middle School and met Strings buddies. Visit went well. April 8th the 8th graders will visit the High School for a meet and greet and lunch with their mentors.Lake George – invoices going home week of 3/22. A little less than 100 students going and 50+ parents on 3 buses. Biggest 6th grade group Mr. D's ever had. They're very difficult to handle as a group. Better now after a stern lecture from Mr. D. Nurse going to Lake George is Laurie Trites. Cost will be close to past trips of about \$210 per student.
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. Website update – Send any emails to Nancy Ennis for postings at nme99@comcast.net. The website address is www.wilmingtonstrings.org.
 - b. Local Heroes – Pia Romano chairing. 5/3 – 5/22. Boxes at each school for collection of donations. Notice will be coming home for donations to supplement the Local Heroes
 - c. Recycling Program – Notice will go out. Performance Music Center in Woburn will donate the labor for repairs to donated instruments.
 - d. Performance Dress Recycling Program – If a student needs one, let us know. Will be available at a fraction of the cost of new ones. Email Janet Engrem or hand in donations and make requests to Mr. Dilmore.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. Executive Board Membership – 2 new members; Debbie Tetreault and Robin Frost. Welcome!
 - b. Senior Decorations – 3 parents of juniors volunteered to oversee the junior class doing the decoration for the graduating class at the May concert. Balloons, signs with their names, decorate the gym, decorate the senior café area and goodie bags.
 - c. Town Meeting Luncheon – need a chairperson to arrange volunteers, get donations of drinks, pizza, and baked goods. It is important to do this event. The League of Women Voters gave the spot to us and voters count on it being there. Sharon Lagunilla volunteered to solicit for the pizza donations. Please let us know if you can also help. Possibly just a part of the work such as coordinating the volunteers?
 - d. Lockable Cages – Mr. Dilmore talked about the need for safe instrument storage. There's 135 students now at the High School. Security issues for

the Strings instruments. Areas are open for anyone to come in at the Middle and High Schools. Last Friday a pocketbook of a Strings student was stolen. Mr. D is working on getting lockable cages in the lobby area. He has talked with Mr. Luciano about it. Discussion of forming a committee with Mr. Luciano and Mr. Tracy to work on possible budget item for the cages to be built. Cost could be upwards of \$18,000. This, however, won't address security at the Middle School. Several parents volunteered to form the committee.

- e. Strings Camera – Chris Blaisdell currently has it for photographing String events. She's found she prefers to use her own camera. Does anyone want to take on using the Strings camera at events?

**NEXT SAPS MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 4/14/10
MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY 7:30 PM**

Minutes submitted by Mary Mullens