

STRINGS ATTACHED PARENT SUPPORT

Minutes for November Meeting

11/18/09

16 members in attendance

1. Treasurer's Report – Sue Connors

- Treasurer's Report

Savings: 11420.25

Checking: 2179.57 Beginning Balance

(8050.00) Budget

3398.00 Deposits

(1490.42) Expenses

4087.15 Ending Balance

-Sue's friend will print raffle tickets for cost. She asked that SAPs send some free tickets in appreciation.

- Profit from Pasta Dinner \$1917.56

2. Fundraising:

a. Strings Ornaments - Approved for sale. Colored picture and order form on the website. Limited supply will be available at the concerts.

b. London Raffle – tickets have been printed. Drawing to take place next November, 2010 for a trip in January 2011. Jean D'Orio and Robin Frost will do the mailing of ticket packets to Strings families for selling. Kathy O'Brien will set up dates for outside sales.

c. Strings Store/Concert Raffles - December 1st - High School Concert.
December 3rd - Middle School Concert. We ask parents to help out at concerts. Middle School parents to help at the High School and High School parents to help out at the Middle School.

d. Barnes and Noble – Strings Attached days took place on 11/22 & 11/23. Proceeds to go to general fund.

e. Election Day Bake Sale – Pia Romano, Alicia Johnson, Julie Manos. First sale to take place at January election.

f. Fruit Sale – orders were due in by 11/20/09. Fruit arrival expected between 12/14 and 12/16.

g. Bova Productions - Christmas Musical Show, December 13, 2009. Flyer has gone home with students attached to Concert ticket form. Order form posted on website. **Please note that checks for ticket orders should be made out to Strings

Attached Parent Support.** Proceeds from ticket sold randomly (not through a particular student) will be split among students who participated in ticket sales. Strings families will have opportunity to order tickets first and then we'll open it up to the public. Doors open at 2:30 PM for 3:00 PM show. Tickets \$20.00 each. 600 seats max capacity. Tickets will have seat numbers assigned to them. Strings Store will be there & raffles. You can take a look at the production at Bovaproductions.com.

h. Spirit Drive - Ann Kurowski. Will take place after January 1st. Will try to have samples available at Arch of Bows in February 2010.

3. Scholarship Committee: Chris Blaisdell, chair. Committee will meet probably in January or February. Scholarship applications will go out in March. Executive Board discussed program at last E Board meeting. With 30 to 40 seniors in upcoming classes, now too costly to support one scholarship for every five applicants and also cover cost of senior gifts. The idea that was favorable to the group was to have one designated scholarship fundraiser. Possible the Pasta Dinner could be designated as a scholarship night. We can probably sell out the 250 tickets available if it's for scholarships. Whatever funds are raised that night will be funds available for scholarships that year. Sue Connors explained how this would work.

Vote to dedicate Pasta Dinner as Scholarship Night - so voted and passed. Vote to, at meeting following Pasta Dinner, set number of scholarships SAPS can award based on funds raised - so voted and passed. This policy will begin next academic year, 2010/2011, since funds already dedicated for this year's scholarships.

4. Mr. Dilmore's Report: Mr. D thanked everyone for coming to the last meeting of 2009 and for all SAPs support. Concert notice has gone home with students.

- West Intermediate concerts on 12/15, morning and afternoon
- North Intermediate concert on 12/21, morning only
- High School concert on 12/1
- Middle School concert on 12/3

We need to remind students to take home or put away their instruments after class to prevent future damage. We now have 2 lockable rooms to store the instruments. Storage room, copy room and both bathrooms. Mr. D has discussed all this with Mr. Tracy. Mr. Tracy is being very proactive with this issue. If kids want to take home their instruments they must take them with them after class or store them in Mr. D's office for pick up at end of the day. Otherwise all instruments are locked up after class.

Austria Trip - currently 103 participants; 2 full buses. Just about all eligible students have signed up. Considering a 3rd bus. It would be just for parents and siblings. Would have to fill bus to get discounted rate. If not full, probably an extra \$100 per person on 3rd bus. Mr. D trying to arrange a ski afternoon for those students who are interested.

- Mr. D's contact information: through the school website or at wdilmore@comcast.net.

5. Voting

- a. Wilmington Fire Fighters Toy Drive - one of the Strings classes each year chairs the drive. SAPs voted to donate \$100 to the cause.
- b. funds raised from ornament sales to go to general fund - so voted.

6. Old Business:

- a. Website: www.wilmingtonstrings.org. Email Nancy Ennis with any updates for the website at nme99@comcast.net.
- b. Tax status - information not available tonight.
- c. Vandalism update - Mr. D already discussed.

7. New Business:

- a. Toys for toy drive can be donated at the Middle School and High School concerts.
- b. Local Heroes is asking for boxed holiday cards donations to send to the soldiers so they can send cards to friends and family at home.

**NEXT SAPS MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 1/20/10
7:30 MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Minutes submitted by Mary Mullens