

STRINGS ATTACHED PARENT SUPPORT

Minutes for October Meeting

10/21/09

22 members in attendance

1. Treasurer's Report – Sue Connors

- Treasurer's Report

Savings: 11420.25

Checking: 31741.10 Beginning Balance

(8050.00) Budget

(13030.33) Expenses

(8481.20) to be moved to Student Accts

2179.57 Ending Balance

2. Fundraising:

a. Yankee Candles – Chris Blaisdell, chair. All candles have arrived to the schools. If you haven't picked up yet, please do so at the school. Total sold \$21,203 retail. 40% of profit went to each student's account. An additional 3% bonus was given to us by Yankee Candle Company. Will go into General Fund. A big "Thank You!" extended to Chris Blaisdell and Chris thanks the volunteers who helped. If there's a parent of a younger Strings child who's interested and would like to assist Chris next year, which will be her last, they could learn the process to take over.

b. London Raffle – Sue Connors arranging for tickets to be 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. Discussion about ticket sales at outside venues now if not drawing winning ticket until next November, and then selling tickets again next Fall. How about selling in the Spring or Summer and then again next Fall instead? Decision made to keep the mailing to Strings families this Fall; 2 books of tickets per family. Then a new mailing next Fall 2010 for new SAPS families.

1st outdoor ticket sales will take place at different sites in March/April 2010.

Planned dates, March 13 thru April 14.

2nd mailing to 5th graders in September 2010. 2nd outdoor sales in

October/November. Planned dates, October 16th thru November 21st.

c. Pasta Dinner – 101 ticket sales as of tonight. Placemat fundraiser; \$50 ad for anyone interested in sponsoring a spot. Next Thursday night, 10/29, committee members meet at Rocco's Restaurant to prepare for Friday, wrapping plastic wear, etc. Tickets can be paid for that night as well. Tickets can be sold thru Wednesday, 10/28/09. Raffles - talk to Kathy O'Brien if you would like to donate anything to be raffled off.

d. Barnes and Noble – 2 days in late November, 11/22 & 11/23, will be designated at Strings Attached Days at Barnes & Noble. Any shoppers who mention Strings Attached when making their purchase, a portion of the sale will go to SAPS. Won't need to have our people there on duty, but some Strings students could be in attendance to represent the group. Customers have to mention "Strings Attached" for us to get benefit so maybe we can hand out flyers & students could play their instruments.

Ad could go in the Town Crier to advertise event; Kristi Hill will look into it. Profits will go to the General Fund. Will be on the website. Also maybe flyers to go out in the schools. Email your friends and families to take advantage of the sale.

e. Election Day Bake Sale – Pia Romano, chairperson. Paula Barry has secured the dates. January 19th - election for the Senate seat, April town election, May town meeting, and next November general election. Profits will go to the General Fund.

** We need someone to chair the Town Meeting/Bake Sale in May. Thank You to Elaine Mistretta for running it in the past. Elaine will be happy to run through the process with the new person. Anyone who is interested please contact Janet Engrem at jkneje@comcast.net.

f. Fruit Sale – Andrea Gillis & Rosemary Bransfield. Sunsweet Fruit, Inc. Will be 5 choices of fruit. Flyer being submitted for approval. Sale dates, November 3 - November 23, 2009. Pick up date 12/17/09. Mr. Dilmore will hand out flyer to students.

g. Bova Productions - Christmas Musical Show. Has been approved for Sunday, 12/13/09. Afternoon show at Wilmington High School Auditorium. Doors open at 2:30 PM for 3:00 PM show. Tickets \$20.00 each. Profits will go to students' travel accounts. 600 seats max capacity. Order form will go out. 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. Strings Ornaments - Patti Bax has been making the ornaments for us since 1999. \$12 per ornament. SAPS receives 50% profit. There will be a Holiday ornament and a Lake George one. Sales will be in November/December. Available at the Strings Store also. Notice will go out thru email.

3. Scholarship Committee: Chris Blaisdell, chair. No report this month.

4. Mr. Dilmore's Report: Mr. Dilmore out sick this evening. From his email he's informed us:

- The High School students will be filmed for a DVD for the troops thru WCTV.

- All the seniors will be coming to Pasta Dinner to perform and serve.
- There's been more damage to Strings instruments this year. 2 instruments, a violin and a viola that were left in the auditorium seats were damaged Mr. D working with Mr. Luciana to come up with a solution and a secure storage location. New shelves were put up last year but they do not hold all of the instruments and they do not lock.
- Mr. D's contact information: through the school website or at wdilmore@comcast.net.

5. Voting: no voting needed tonight.

6. Old Business:

Website: www.wilmingtonstrings.org. Email Nancy Ennis with any updates for the website at nme99@comcast.net.

7. New Business:

E Mail Change; name on email you receive from SAPS now lists Mary Mullens/Strings Attached.

**NEXT SAPS MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 11/19/09
7:30 MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Minutes submitted by Mary Mullens