

STRINGS ATTACHED PARENT SUPPORT

Minutes for September Meeting

9/16/09

72 members in attendance

1. Treasurer's Report – Sue Connors

- Treasurer's Report

Savings: 6339.05

Checking: 9047.16 Beginning Balance

(8050.00) Budget

997.16 Ending Balance

- Student Accounts – fundraising will go directly to individual accounts. There will be a spreadsheet available for each child. All fundraisers child participates in will be listed on spreadsheet. Form available on the website to use to designate funds to be taken from your child's account towards a trip.

2. Fundraising:

a. London Trip Raffle – gift from ACIS travel company for SAPS to raffle off as fundraiser. Every Strings family will receive one packet of raffle tickets to sell. Of course you can sell more than that if you wish. There will also be tables set up outside at different town businesses & locations to sell tickets. Per the School Committee, students cannot sell raffle tickets since it's considered gambling but there can be at the sites. SAPS will be seeking the help of parents to sell at different locations in the future, probably November. For parents who sell tickets they will directly benefit from proceeds that will go to their child's travel account.

- Jean D'Orio & Robin Frost will co-chair. Kathy O'Brien will coordinate the selling sites & volunteers.

b. Pasta Dinner – October 30, 2009

- Italian dinner buffet

- Matt DePasquale & Roccas Restaurant will do the catering.

- Seniors Strings students will perform & serve dinner from 7 to 8 pm.

- once the students leave, bar opens, DJ and dancing.

- 204 max capacity

- tickets \$25 each

- funds will go to general fund to support scholarships, Arch of Bows, Mr. Dilmore's needs for buses, etc.

- notices will go home with the kids & emails to come with the information.

- For tickets or information contact Janet Engrem at 978-658-9324 or jknje@comcast.net

c. Barnes & Noble – Rosemary Bransfield

- B&N offers a free gift wrap service to customers on a couple of days a year. Strings kids will be there to do the wrapping and collect

tips/donations for Strings Attached. Will need to have a parent on duty with the kids for each hour we're there.

d. Fruit Sale – Rosemary Bransfield

- November date for the sale & delivery in December before Christmas. Selling cartons of fruit. We can determine our price to charge to make our profit. Oranges, grapefruit, tangelos, and combos available.
- will likely be one distribution site.

e. Election Day Bake Sale – special election in January for Senate seat. Date has been approved for SAPS use.

f. Yankee Candles – Chris Blaisdell, chair

- order forms went out; orders due 9/22/09
- Chris needs help with tallying orders, probably in the evening. Also will need help on delivery day at schools. Date TBA; usually mid to late October or early November delivery date.

3. Scholarship Committee: Chris Blaisdell, chair. Spring- time commitment.

Scholarship awards determined via an application & an essay that seniors can submit. The essays go to 3 Wilmington teachers for scoring. Also reviewed & scored by the committee. The committee will meet 2 to 3 times in the Spring. Anyone interested in being on the committee should contact Chris. Parents of senior Strings players excluded.

4. Mr. Dilmore's Report: Strings Attached started in Wilmington schools in 1987 with just 10 students. It's a very unique program. Strings has grown into a huge program pushing close to 500 students in total. This year, close to 100 new 4th graders have signed up.

- 1st performance of the 4th graders will be at their Holiday concert.
- Love Day (St. Valentine's Day) they will perform as a group for the older Strings students and there will be an Arch of Bows for each student to go through.
- May – final concert; all Strings players participate.
- Middle Schoolers prepare to go to Lake George to perform. 6th & 7th graders eligible to go. Lake George trip this year will be on 5/27/10, overnight. Then they qualify to go to Europe on Strings trips in high school. Opportunity for students to go on 2 European trips during high school.
- New Strings players need violin book. Need to be measured for a violin (several sizes available). Probably best to rent instrument to start since kids grow! Once they're done growing, and/or reach full size violin, then you can buy if you like.
- Contact information: through the school website or at wdilmore@comcast.net.

5. Voting:

a. Meeting Dates: SAPS meetings usually 3rd Wednesday of the month when scheduling allows. All at 7:30 PM, Middle School Library.

Special meeting: **September 30, 2009** - Austria trip meeting in the Middle School Auditorium.

Regular Meeting Dates: 10/21/09
11/18/09
No meeting in December
1/20/10
2/10/10
3/17/10
4/14/10
5/19/10
6/9/10 - Annual Budget Meeting

Vote to accept meeting dates; so voted.

b. Insurance for SAPS: Trips are now under the umbrella of Strings Attached Parent Support. Director & Officers insurance needed. Cost estimated at \$750 to \$1000 per year premium. Vote taken; so voted.

6. Old Business:

- a. Website: www.wilmingtonstrings.org
- link to SAPS email address, lynnestrings.
- email Nancy Ennis with anything to go on the website, nme99@comcast.net.

7. New Business:

- a. Dig Pink
- Breast cancer research charity. An email went out to the group. WHS volleyball team participating in the fund raiser; selling the t-shirts to raise funds. Will put the order form on our website.
- b. WHS Club Suitcases Drive - Katia Reilly
- Suitcases for Kids - charity for foster kids to have suitcases when moving from home to home instead of using trash bags. October 10, 2009 collecting suitcases at the High School and during the week inside the high school. Fuddruckers also doing fundraiser for it one day next week.
- c. Tony Bova Productions: Robin Frost brought to the group with possibility of having them perform and all proceeds to go to Strings. Tony Bova will donate his time & group's time. Only costs will be for the venue and the soundman. Bovaproductions.com
- d. SAPS Insurance - discussed previously in the meeting.

**NEXT SAPS MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 10/21/09
7:30 MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Minutes submitted by Mary Mullen