

STRINGS ATTACHED PARENT SUPPORT

Minutes for January Meeting

01/20/10

19 members in attendance

1. Treasurer's Report – Sue Connors

- Treasurer's Report

Savings: 15357.70

Checking: 4087.15 Beginning Balance

(8050.00) Budget

4984.13 Ending Balance

- Bake Sale - \$520.52 in sales and \$140 + in donations. A picture was in the paper.
- Bova Productions Show – 140 tickets sold = \$2800. Raffles & Store brought in \$223. Janitorial cost = \$531.98, \$500 to cover Mr. Bova's costs, which was very generous of him! Remaining profit = \$1991. This translates into \$14.22 per ticket sold to students' accounts.

2. Fundraising:

- a. Spirit Drive – Ann Kurowski, chair. Looking to sell in February. Wilmington Trophy providing goods. Samples hopefully ready for the Arch of Bows.
- b. London Raffle - Robin Frost in charge of the ticket sales that were mailed to families. Sales coming in slowly. Discussion of extending date to sell them. Decided to extend date to March. Outside ticket sales to start mid March. Janet will pull a permit to sell tickets outside. Cost of permit = \$50.00.
- c. Store/Raffle – store will be set up at the Arch of Bows ceremony in the intermediate schools. Friday, 4/12/10. Need to arrange for someone to cover store table since Tricia O'Donoghue will be away.
- d. Barnes & Noble – Can we do another fundraiser day? Rosemary Bransfield will check into it.
- e. Fruit Sale – made some good profit for us but there was some problems. Rosemary doesn't feel it's worth doing again.
- f. Election Day Bake Sale – yesterday's sale was very successful. The next election is on a Saturday. Membership voted to donate profits from yesterday's sale to the charity in town to support Haiti.
- g. Bova Productions – Mr. Bova would like to put on another show to benefit Strings students in the Spring. Either a "50's" or "Rat Pack" theme to take place in March or April. Instead of being held at the school, may be at the Knights of Columbus more as a dinner theatre type show with patrons bringing in their own dinners or appetizers. We will advertise the show public-wide from the beginning.

- h. Yankee Candles – A big “Thank You!” extended to Chris Blaisdell for acting as chairperson. She will need to train a parent to replace her next year which will be her last year. Debbie Tetreault and Wendy Diecidue volunteered to train as new co-chairs. Thank you ladies!
3. Scholarship Committee - also chaired by Chris Blaisdell. Will need a new chairperson for this committee next year since Chris will have a senior. The committee met last Monday night. Applications will go out on February 3rd. Committee will attempt making applications on-line so students can download the forms and email their applications to Chris. Decided that when we announce the scholarship winners at the Spring concert, we will also mention that the Pasta Dinner will be the fundraising event for scholarships. Need help finding teachers to score the essay section of the apps. Some suggestions were made for Chris to check into.
4. Mr. Dilmore’s Report - State House Tree Lighting - went well despite the weather. An official picture of the Strings group was taken. Janet has the disc; she’ll distribute it via Snapfish.
- The North 5th graders will be going to the Middle School for their induction to the Middle School Strings. Will go by bus, paid through the Performing Arts account.
- 4/12/10 – Arch of Bows. 85 beginners to be inducted into Strings Attached proper. High School students will go to the West & North to partake in the ceremony.
- 8th graders have organized the Strings Club to mentor 6th & 7th graders. The Club will be an after school program to prepare the younger students for performing in Lake George. Will take place Monday afternoons for one hour. 95 students eligible to go to Lake George; 70 kids have signed up for the tutoring. Karen Strazzere, teacher at the Middle School, will oversee the afternoon program since Mr. D works on Monday afternoons. Auditions for Lake George will take place the 2nd week of February. Students will receive points for participation in the after school club.
- Lake George – May 27th. Next month’s meeting will detail info for parents. Hotel has been secured. Boat has been reserved. And submission made to Roman House for trip approval.
- High School – Band has given Strings some shelving space which will be used for the students’ music books. The 8th graders, 41 of them, will be going to visit the High School after February vacation. They’ll have lunch there and a double period for bonding with the upperclassmen. May 5th End of year concert. For concert Mr. D suggested making up a newsletter to give out with the program, which could list events, fundraisers, scholarship info, etc.

Note: DVDs of the May 2009 Concert are available for \$10.00. Contact Sue Connors.

Austria Trip – 115 people signed up to go. Have space for 5 more, for a total of 120. 3 buses now. Payment issue resolved. Going by payment schedule we got with packet.

Mr. D asked that maybe we should start using the PO Box for parents to submit orders, payments for fundraisers, etc. Currently, all of this goes to Mr. D, and with the continued growth of the program in size, this is becoming too much to handle.

Please Note: Request made by Mr. Dilmore that Strings parents no longer contact Janet Engrem at her workplace. She can be reached at home or by email, but please refrain from calling her at work. Thank you!

5. Voting

- a. Spring Sale of Bulbs & Seeds; 50% profit to be made. Proposal to continue with this fundraiser, so voted.
- b. Thank You gifts for Bova performers. Possibly Strings sweatshirts. \$150 total needed, so voted.

6. Old Business

- a. Website – Nancy Ennis. Any info for posting to be sent to Nancy at nme99@comcast.net
- b. Trip Contracts – for future travel. For students and parents to sign. Janet and Mr. D to prepare them, probably by March.

7. New Business

- a. February meeting to be devoted to Lake George trip. Will take place in the auditorium at the Middle School on 2/10/10. Will conduct regular meeting first and then continue with the Lake George info.
- b. Violin Recycling Program – Chris Garrard to chair. Possible options: allocate money to purchase some violins to belong to the program. And/or recycle used ones that former students or families may want to donate. Mr. D says smaller violins would be most helpful for the beginners.
- c. Local Heroes – need someone to oversee this and then some student volunteers to help with a supplies drive. Pia Romano had done this in the past and found there's a lot of copying involved and will need people to empty the drive bins. Pia volunteered to be the point person and Julie Manos volunteered to help. Thanks ladies! Mr. D will have a sign-up sheet for students in class.
- d. Performance Dresses Recycling Program – kick off to the program is a dress received from Katia Reilly with the following note to SAPS:

Dear SAPS,

January, 2010

Since I've gone on my last European voyage, I thought that my performance dress could be used by a younger strings student who will be traveling to Austria.

I'm hoping that the dress could be a fundraiser for SAPS and also help a student get a discounted dress. A donation to SAPS of \$25 - \$30 (about ½ the original cost) would be appreciated for this dress which hasn't been on stage many times at all.

I hope this dress finds a good home.

Dress size: 6

Height that it's hemmed to: 5'5" +/-

Thanks a lot, and good luck!

Katia Reilly

Thank you Katia!

**NEXT SAPS MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 2/24/10
7:30 MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Minutes submitted by Mary Mullens