

Minutes - SFMA

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Mission Statement

The Spring-Ford Music Association, Inc. has been organized for the purpose of promoting and supporting the instrumental and vocal music programs of the Spring-Ford Area School District.

President

Lisa Corey –

- Thank you for all the help to get us to this point in the season
- Many successful events

Directors Report

Seth Jones – High School Band Director

- Thank you to all the volunteers and board for help during Bands of America
- Definitely can see the Pandemic effects in all music programs, in other schools too
- Essentials kit has been successful, definitely made it easier to distribute items
- Winter groups/Indoor, schedules still not solidified, everyone may have to share the same practice space due to Covid protocols, competing in WGI this year
- Jazz schedule is coming soon
- All music group seasons seem to be pretty “normal” as of now

Kris Jennings – Middle School Band Director

- Owen J. Roberts showcase went very well
- Middle School performs pregame at Homecoming
- After the Halloween parades the MS marching season ends
- Photos will be taken 10/30 8:30-9:30am
- Trying to generate interest for a Jazz band, there won't be any auditions due to the limited number of students
- Concert band begins first week of November
- Inter-County band is being hosted at Pottsgrove MS, mostly 9th graders are chosen, will happen the end of January
- Using remind app to promote fundraisers

Officers Report

Vice President

- Attended Back To School Nights, was a chance for SFMA to talk to parents, went to all of them minus the 7th grade, most were very quiet this year

Treasurer

- Right now budget and financials are in good shape
- Revenue in from concession stands
- Not all expenses in as of yet

Assistant Treasurer

- Reminder about Orlando payments
- Urging everyone to utilize fundraisers and earn SPA

Secretary

- Trying to minimize the emails sent daily to not irritate the parents
- Will continue to try and put clear subject in the subject line to ease confusion

Committee Reports

Concessions

- Senior Night thank yous to all who helped
- Homecoming still facing some shortages of products at stores and getting all that is needed/wanted
- Sign up Genius coming out soon for game and Costco pick up

Fundraising

- Joe Corbi pick up is Wednesday 10/13
- Mattress Sale was very successful as well
- There was only one new SCRIP enrollment, would love to promote it more to the lower grades
- Lottery fundraiser is almost over
- Trivia night still needs a location
- Dine outs are continuing, Uno's is 10/28, keep an eye out for more to come
- Linvilla Orchards pie pickup is at the away stands on 11/23, will need help with distribution
- Ornament sale is live on the website, all 4 shows available to purchase
- New item on the sale is the luggage tags, can also be used as ornaments

Ram Crew/Vehicles

- No vehicle issues
- Saturday CREW will meet to repair some of the show props
- Middle School is using the High School drum major stand and mallets at Homecoming to ease getting items back and forth

Membership/Data

- Tracking all fundraising Data
- Not getting a ton of new SFMA members at this point

Chaperones

- Need more help for the football game this week, the earlier meet time of 4:30 is making it difficult for volunteers
- Confirmed that Middle School will bring their own chaperones to the Homecoming parade
- Reminder to all that the indoor groups will also need chaperones
- Reminder for all chaperones signed up to go to Orlando, need to confirm clearances now, It is taking longer than usual and we need to confirm who can go and who can not.

Apparel

- Thank you to everyone who has helped with donations and sizing
- Out of 97 white shirts needed, only 11 needed to be ordered
- Requests help getting the white tuxedo shirts washed
- Reminder to parents that the students are not hanging uniforms properly, it is important that they do it every time
- Show shirts ordered, some music groups are on back-order
- Spirit wear sale is going to open soon on the website to achieve deliveries before Christmas

Old Business

Orlando

- 5 months away, November 5th is the cutoff to sign up
- Some people have deposited but haven't done any payments since, are you going or not?
- Chorus and Orchestra got information today regarding their performances
- The logo submission deadline is approaching, there are 7 options already submitted, the directors will pick the top 3 and then the Orlando "goers" will pick a winner
- Orlando payment #5 is approaching
- SFMA will not learn which park the band is to perform in until 4-6 weeks prior to the trip
- Reminder to all that SPA can be used for spending money, don't wait till the last minute to request

New Business

End of season party

- Definitely stopping the superlatives, looking for ideas to replace the creativity and showmanship that the kids enjoy; skits or commercials?
- Requesting help with party planning

Championships

- The 8th grade members are invited to go, need a count for dinner reservations, Mrs. Jennings stated 35
- Hershey Lodge not an option this year, looking at other local restaurants that would be able to seat everyone without it taking too long