

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.

Directors Reports

Seth Jones – High School Band Director (Emailed report read by Secretary)

- An enormous THANK YOU to everyone that volunteered for the Guard Show in January. It was a tremendous success. I am grateful to those that spent the whole day here. I enjoyed seeing so many smiling faces again.
- Thank you to those parents that have offered time to chaperone and assist with the winterguard, percussion, and jazz teams. All three are starting their competitive seasons and we always can use the help.
- Congratulations to three of our band students: Annie, Aiden, and Aimen for being selected for PMEA All State Ensembles. We have a few more students that are able – and are waiting on their results.
- Congratulations to three of our band students: Annie, Aiden, and Sam B., for being selected for PMEA Region Band. They will be performing in March.
- Looking forward to our Orlando Meeting on February 27.
- If you know of anyone interested in potentially joining the HS Band program next year – please have them reach out to me. I'd love to talk!
- Thank you to everyone that came out and supported the music teachers at the gala. I had a great time!

Kris Jennings – Middle School Band Director

- MS Guard took first place at their first competition
- MS Jazz ensemble is invited to 5 festivals this year, 2/25: PennDale, 2/26: Boyertown, 3/4: Indian Crest, 3/11: Arcola, 3/19: Kimberton is potential but not finalized
- MS Jazz performing 4/13 at the Flyers Game, tickets available on website, Covid vaccination cards are mandatory at this time
- MS Concert band is going to Hershey for music in the park on 5/14 and the Spring concert is 5/18
- Mrs. Jennings has a new cell phone number, please contact her through email at this time

Officers Reports

Vice President

- Nothing new

Treasurer

- Budget is looking pretty good for where we are in the year
- Looking at a few changes for next year
- Still looking for a new Treasurer for the next term

Assistant Treasurer

- SPA- January Scrip is in, Wawa fundraiser is in
- Withdrawal requests are still coming in for Orlando, the cut-off is 2/25

Secretary

- Nothing new

Committee Reports

Concessions

- Home show did as expected for being early in the season
- Some of the Home show products will be used for MAPS in April

Fundraising

- Divine Apples doesn't have a lot of orders in yet, please share with all of your friends
- Gertrude Hawk should be a very successful fundraiser, Home and School at the elementary school does it every year and sells a lot
- Trivia night is upcoming on 4/29 at Friendship Fire Hall
- Also coming soon: Rita's, Handel's, Yardale with vendors

Ram Crew/Vehicles

- Busy building all props - still need help
- Need a lot of help at the shows too, getting on and off the floor with props and mats, Directors need to be more assertive to get parents involved
- Need to order extra trucks for dates where color guard and percussion and winds are all out at the same time

Membership/Data

- 130 clearances approved and 86 members of SFMA

Chaperones

- Indoor percussion and guard are ok

- Indoor winds still talking with parents
- Jazz band doesn't have any chaperones
- Reminder that chaperones MUST be an SFMA member

Apparel/Uniforms:

- Marching Band uniforms are still at cleaner and will be picked up on Saturday
- Guard uniforms try on Thursday at practice and need volunteers to help with alterations by Saturday
- Percussion uniforms have been delayed
- Winds are buying a shirt and pants - all accessories have been sewn on
- T-Shirts for percussion are in
- HS/MS Guard are still working on artwork for their t-shirt designs
- SF music t-shirt store is open, orders must be in by 2/20 to have it in time for Orlando, MS can place orders until 4/17
- Winter jackets still not in, they were shipped on 2/7
- Band essentials jacket will arrive by 3/11

Old Business

Orlando

- The middle of January marked the one year anniversary of planning this trip
- Still waiting on 6 ID's, 16 waivers, 33 incomplete payments
- Check the band app for detailed itinerary, posting there for safety of all
- Performance times are subject to change
- Total of 296 people going on the trip
- Absolutely no cloth masks are allowed in Disney parks, must be paper surgical or Kn95
- All participants meeting to be held via zoom on 2/27 at 7pm with a meeting for just chaperones right after at 8pm
- Looking for help on 3/13 to build out shelving in the truck to transport equipment and luggage
- Need help very late at night on 3/21 or very early in the morning of 3/22 to help unload the truck and remove the built in shelves
- ¾ zip jacket is in production and should be in by the end of February

MAPS show

- 4/2 and just found out that is also SAT day, trying to figure out how groups can warm up without disturbing the test takers
- Show starts at 1 and SAT's end at 3

January Meeting Minutes

- Approved

New Business

Elections

- Need a new Treasurer and if Dawn takes on the job then we will need a new Assistant Treasurer
- Eric is planning to run again as Vice President but it is technically open if someone else would like to run
- Elections are in May