

SFMA Meeting Minutes

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November & December Meeting Minutes Approval – Approved

Directors' Reports

Ms. Eddowes-Keirnan, MS Color Guard Director

- Currently at 8 guard members which is down from 9.
- Will have 1 min 15 sec of the performance completed, will have about 1 min 30 sec for the Home Show
- The props are fantastic, thank you to Tom and the Ram Crew
- 2 MS Guard parents came out to help so that's 25%

Officers' Reports

Vice President, Lauren Chychota:

- No report

Treasurer, Sissy Morelock:

- PMEA was Wed-Fri, made \$200 selling merch and other items
- Amounts for WGI trips are finalized, directors will approve and then it will go out through the band app
- No decision on costs for chaperones yet
- Also, not sure yet how to find out who is going on the trip as a chaperone. Should it be a google form like last year?

Assistant Treasurer, Dawn Svendsen:

- SPA is updated with December Raise Right and the ornament sale

Secretary, Gwen MacDonell:

- No report

Committee Reports

Chaperones, Chris Chychota:

- SUG for MS Jazz Band has gone out
- All HS SUGs out except for the HS Jazz

- Safesport and clearances can be emailed to clearances@springfordmusic.org; child abuse and criminal needs to be within the past 2 years, FBI fingerprint is not needed

Concessions, Carrie Rutkowski:

- 2 SUGs are out for the color guard home show; one for volunteers and one for food donations

Membership / Data:

- No new members
- Data is fabulous

Merchandise, Brynn Lange:

- Pretty quiet, indoor guard sales in November should be in any day now
- Waiting on the directors to give designs for the indoor show shirts and hoodies
- Percussion Jersey's just got paid for but I have no idea when they are coming in

Raise Right, Lauren Chychota:

- 175 families signed up as of 1/5/25
- 105 active families with online payments enabled
- 24 families purchased \$11,035.00 in gift cards
- Net rebate to SFMA was \$594.57 for an average rebate of 5.39%
- The 60% share to student SPAs was \$356.73
- The 40% share to SFMA was \$237.84 was reduced by \$22.00 for shipping for a net return of \$215.84

Ram Crew, Tom Kuch:

- We have painted all of the percussion props
- Raised up the 85' long backdrop on Saturday
- All of the HS groups props are made, just need some tweaks
- MS props are almost done

Dining Crew, Laura Simon:

- End of the year banquet went off well
- All of the food for the PMEA was taken care of, 4 meals, 130 kids each was quite the accomplishment
- Working with Mike to get meals scheduled for the season

Sponsorships, Erika Nelson:

- No report

Uniforms, Becki Fretz:

- The new uniforms can in right before the holidays
- A team came in to inventory them for the district, not trying to figure out how to store them, the new uniforms have 6 pieces and they aren't numbered
- School district wanted to cut money and decided not to buy new hat boxes, of course the old hat boxes are not big enough for the new hats

Vehicles, Karl Weber:

- Not in attendance, no report

Ways and Means, Scott Houde:

- Going back to the given name of Ways and Means, we are the way things get done for the music programs
- The holiday shoppe brought in \$12k - \$8k from vendors, \$4k from concessions and raffle
- Looking for people to be fundraiser coordinators – this would be a person to be the project manager of just one event, will allow more people to volunteer without giving up a ton of their own time
- Also looking for a co-chair, someone to help because next year is a Disney year so the fundraising will be crazy
- There is a dine and donate at Downtown in Royersford on Saturday, it is a brunch, 10-1
- Bag Bingo is officially March 28th
- We are looking for new ideas for fundraisers, please bring some to a meeting or send an email, it doesn't mean you have to be the coordinator of it so don't worry
 - Lauren: The coordinators can help for just a few weeks instead of a full school year, this might help people to volunteer. Clearances aren't needed for coordinators, but they do need to be an SFMA member.

New Business

Dayton Trips:

- Already talked about

Protocols:

- Whatever idea you have or need to get done, be sure to go through the committee head

Guard Home Show:

- The SUG went out for volunteers, we tried to prefill as many names as we could for the usual people, you would have received an email with your assigned spot, now it is out for everyone to sign up, no need for SafeSport for the home shows
 - Lauren: SafeSport takes longer than 90 minutes, but this is the way of the future when working with kids. It's a pain but it's for all sports and anyone who works with kids. We have to just get used to it.

Calendars:

- It's a fundraiser that's not a fundraiser, the person who is supporting you doesn't get anything like a product, it's just a donation
- 100% of the funds go to your student's SPA, so your neighbor gives you \$19 and your SPA gets \$19
- This is to help raise funds for the Disney trip and other trips and supplies
- Lisa is going to run it, the calendars will be on the website to print out, not up and running yet, not sure how long it will run, Lisa should get all the questions

Old Business

PMEA – Thank you for making it a success

Indoor Guard Home Show – on January 25th, SUG is out, tentative schedule should be out soon, currently have 36 groups performing

Anne Miers: April 6th I am done with Candy Grams and need someone to take over

Meeting Adjourned