

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.

March Meeting Minutes

Approved

Directors Reports

Mrs. Jennings:

- District Jazz Band concert is scheduled for April 26th at 7pm in the 10-12 auditorium.
- The MS/HS orchestra concert is scheduled for May 2nd at 7pm in the 10-12 auditorium.
- May 13th-MS Music in the Parks trip to Six Flags America in Upper Marlboro, MD. Will leave between 5:30-6:00 am, compete, then enjoy time in the park. Awards will be at approximately 6:00 pm. Return to School between 10:00-11:00 pm
- May 17th-MS/HS Band Concert
- MS Marching Band will participate in the Royersford Memorial Day Parade
- MS Jazz Band will perform at the 7th grade Distinguished Honors Social
- June 1st is Meet the Instrument Night
- There are currently 80 6th graders in the music program, 2 of whom are percussionists

Mr. Walls:

- It's been an exciting two days so far and the band has accomplished a lot during the transition from Mr. Jones.
- Been getting to know the students and looking forward to getting a lot done
- Sitting at the meeting, trying to match parents with students ☺

Vice President:

- Some members can't make the SFMA election next month. Working on ideas to address that.

Treasurer:

- Financials are looking good and we will end the year ahead.
- The Strings Jamboree and the Strings Fest, with help from orchestra parents, brought in approximately \$1400.00 in candy gram and flower sales.
- Purse Bingo and the MAPS show did very well last month; donations and concessions did very well.
- Working on the budget for next year.
- Needed to ask percussion students for an extra \$30.00 for the Dayton trip. This is due to fluctuations in costs, and number of students not going.

Assistant Treasurer:

- SPAs updated through Sweet Ashley's fundraiser and March Raise Right.

Secretary:

- Gwen away in Dayton, Dawn Svendsen taking minutes
- Announced nominees for board positions so far:
President-Lisa Corey (incumbent), Eric Fretz
Assistant Treasurer- Dawn Svendsen (incumbent), Sean Knapp
Secretary-Gwen MacDonell (incumbent)
- Nominations for board positions are due by May 2nd and the election will take place at the membership meeting on May 9th.

Chaperones:

- Wishing good luck and skill to all the guard and percussion students going to Dayton
- Thank you to Carrie Rutkowski and Frank and Kathy Louis for chaperoning the jazz band.
- Bringing water for Memorial Day events
- Almost all of the MS chaperones are now cleared.

Concessions:

- Had a great MAPS show and almost sold out of stock.

Fundraising:

- Bag Bingo raised about \$4000.00
- Sweet Ashley's candy sale raised \$219.00 for SPAs and \$146.00 for SFMA
- Bruster's was a the MAPS show and brought in \$264.00
- The flower sale is going on and orders are due by April 24th. Pick-up will be on May 11th from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Coach McNelly Stadium. A Sign-Up Genius will go out asking for volunteers to help with distribution.
- Trivia night is May 5th and we still need help collecting items for prize baskets. Tickets will be on sale this week.
- Raise Right:
March was much better than February with \$11,000.00 in purchases.
The average monthly rebate is 3%, and March's was 5%
\$253.00 was earned for SPAs and \$214.00 for SFMA
Monthly tips and reminders will go out.

Hospitality:

- Provided a meal for percussion at the Monroe Township WGI Regionals and are working on snack and meals for the Dayton trip.

Ram Crew:

- In May a request for help will go out, the away concessions stand needs to be cleaned out and a lot of the items moved to the new Ram Shack
- The mule will need to be serviced this summer; President recommended setting that up ASAP

Data/Membership:

- We had 4 new members
- Data- Keeping up with reporting online orders and payments.

Uniforms/Merchandise:

- Band uniforms are being worn on Memorial Day.
- Will need help with taking uniforms to and from cleaners (Asking District to pay for cleaning)
- Merch-Sold out of a lot of inventory; did well at the Strings Jamboree
- Looking for a new merchandise distributor
- Looking for volunteers to help with merchandise

New Business:

- Welcome to the new HS band director, Mr. Andrew Walls! We are looking forward to working with him and supporting him in any way we can as he takes on his new position.
- Nominations are due by May 2nd and the election will take place at the member meeting on May 9th. Board seats for President, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary are up for election. The nominations can be submitted to the Nominating Committee: Lauren Chychota, Scott Houde and Beckie Landry.
- An amendment to the By-laws to accept absentee ballots would need to be discussed in an executive meeting and then voted on by the general membership. For this reason, any such amendment would not be effective for the upcoming election.
- SFMA provides food for the Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts at the 10-12 and 9th Grade Centers. This year, it they will be held on May 9th. A Sign-up Genius will go out asking for volunteers to set up at each school.

Old Business:

- MAPS Show-Overall, we brought in over 20,000.00 from ticket sales, concessions, candy grams, etc. SFMA keeps half of the ticket money and donations to concessions and hospitality keeps our costs low.
- Feedback from MAPS show:

We need better internet and WiFi so the card readers for payments.

Some groups did not like using the orchestra room for their warm-up. The lack of classrooms available for use is due to teacher complaints in previous years that the rooms were damaged while the groups were in them.

Several people mentioned that our school had the best facilities anywhere.

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