**SFMA Meeting Minutes**

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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.**

**February Meeting Minutes Approval** - approved

**Directors’ Reports**

Mrs. Jennings –

* Middle School trip is May 11th, the deadline for forms and payments has passed, will extend a week or two for those still missing, estimated 190 kids and currently have 154, we haven’t been charged so we can still change the quantity
* Jazz Band has performed 2 out of 3 shows, final show is this weekend at 12:40 at Kutztown MS, I am very proud of the kids, at the 1st and 2nd events most stayed to watch the other groups. We earned Superior at both festivals that has never happened before, the Trumpet section took 1st at Penndale and Percussion took 1st at Indian Crest
* 8th Grade group is the smallest they ever had but the most talented, Soloist award went to Anthony Dilella
* Concert Band is going well
* Jazz Band has district concert on 4/24 and then a performance at Victory Park on 5/4
* Marching Band is in Spring City for Memorial Day this year
* School District is currently actively interviewing for her position, also interviewing for the High School position

**Officers’ Reports**

Vice President – Eric Fretz

* Don’t forget that Thursday night is Soul Joel’s comedy night

Treasurer – Heather Yonosh (not in attendance, read by secretary)

* Budget spending is all reasonable for this point in the year. Concessions is well ahead and fundraising is a little behind.
* I continue to collect payments for winter groups and the middle school trip.
* I recommend approving a one time expenditure above our annual budget for a replacement system for our batteries for electronics used for outdoor and winter percussion. I am comfortable with an amount up to $6,000 based on our current balance sheet and surplus from prior years for this long term investment, especially since our new trailer costs have come in as expected. We need general membership approval today if we want to be able to purchase these in time to stabilize the indoor percussion experience. We will work with the school district to see if any of this equipment is normally supported by the school and could be reimbursed.

Assistant Treasurer – Dawn Svendsen

* SPA is up to date through the February RaiseRight
* Wawa sale SPA not calculated yet

Secretary – Gwen MacDonell

* Sign Up Genius going out for Strings Jamboree
* Question from Lauren Chycota: When is the budget meeting? Answer: April

**Committee Reports**

Chaperones – Chris Chycota (not in attendance, read by Cristina Cercio)

* Everything is going well, only missing one chaperone for one Winter Guard event

Concessions – Carrie Rutkowski

* Sales at the High School musical went great
* Working on concessions for Strings Jamboree, should be the same as the other concerts
* MAPS show still needs a lot of volunteer help

Fundraising – Scott Houde

* 3 new fundraisers this year:
* Soul Joels officially announced Doug Smith as the comedian for the fundraiser night, please promote it to everyone you know
* Captain Market (formerly Captain Chuckies) now has more than just sea food, now they have desserts and other homemade, already prepared meals
* Salsa Sale has 16 different choices of flavors and heat levels
* Question from Brandi Russel: There was no place to put student names on the salsa order form, how do we get SPA points? Answer: Chuck will update website
* Bag Bingo numbers: raised a little over $4000

Hospitality – No Report

Membership / Data – Dawn Svendsen

* 1 new member since the last meeting
* Data is as always, still awesome

Merchandise – Brynn Lange

* Middle School directors design for the Spring Trip has gone to Kate Palladino for ordering
* We are low on Orchestra shirts, will make an order for Strings Jamboree
* Placed the order for the Winter Guard show shirts

RaiseRight – Lauren Chycota

* 16 families spent $15,000 on gift cards
* 1 singular family bought almost $10,000 of that
* Physical gift card delivery cost went up another $.50 now it is $11.00
* Question from Joe Domin: Were there outages yesterday? I couldn’t get on to order. Answer: No, not that they announced.

Vehicles – Becky Landry

* Going as well as they can
* Lately we have not been getting the vehicles we reserve, sports keep taking them
* Winter Guard is self sufficient with drivers
* Percussion has pulled through – new parents have stepped up

Ram Crew– Joe Doming

* Bridge is holding up, even after the rain, putting lights on the bridge next
* Guard has fairy lights, they need batteries often
* Middle School props are good, Middle School parents really came through this year
* Question from Joe: How is Annette getting to Indoor Night? Answer: Becky will reach out to ask

Uniforms – Becky Fretz

* Becky has stepped away from the Percussion uniform process and everything went fine, parents stepped up to fit and repair
* Haven’t heard anything about the new band uniforms
* Might want to have last year’s uniforms dry cleaned just in case new uniforms don’t come in
* Going through G2 for the new uniforms so maybe going through the App again?

**New Business**

Electronics Purchase:

* This came up on Sunday, the Sound system is failing, the reason is the battery is 7 years old and really has a shelf life of 3 years, also this will be used for outdoor and indoor, buying a new battery is not in the budget for this year, Mike Lalli got a quote of $6,000, it will be enough to power the entire front ensemble, this would replace the use of the generators (applause and cheers) SFMA needs to make the purchase, everyone for raise your hands.. and against? Purchase approved by general membership

**Old Business**

* Indoor night is officially March 18th
* Strings Jamboree is Friday night, we are selling water, candy, flowers and merch
* Winter Percussion show is April 6th, Sign Up Genius coming out soon, keep an eye out, changes are being made to the layout of the day that will make the day easier for the visiting schools
* Faculty Recital is on! April 12th, Mr. Perry confirmed. There is a flyer to advertise it to the community, please help
* Dayton trip – we are about to book the hotel, if interested in going please let us know ASAP
* Old Marching Band website has expired, since it was pretty expensive Mr. Walls is going to integrate it into the SFMA website, now everything you need to know will be in one spot
* Nomination Committee- WE will be opening up nominations for the May elections. Anyone want to be a part of the nomination committee? Becky Landy and Scott House volunteer. The election will be for the Vice President and Treasurer positions
* Question: is the high school going to the Music in the Parks? Mr. Walls had mentioned it at the last meeting. Answer: not sure

**Meeting Adjourned**