

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 Report

Seth Jones – High School Band Director

- Holding pattern with Florida trip for next year while we wait for the school board to approve so we can finalize details.
- Excited for all of the information to be finalized and information to go out to all interested in participating.
- Working on marching band for next year. BOA and other show dates are released. Football schedule is also out. Several games quite a distance from us so we are not sure what exactly the band football participation will look like. Halloween parade dates have been announced. Still working out plans for homecoming as it is later than usual, the last home game of the season. Check out the calendar for more information.
- Putting lots of info on social media, especially with music in our schools month. Also, pushing to recruit band members. Please pass on information to anyone who may be interested. Primary theme of the messages are about how music stays with you through your entire life.
- Still working on how to connect and keep virtual students engaged and remain part of the group. Any suggestions on ways to help, let Mr. Jones know.
- Many band students and I have had some really great impromptu chat sessions discussing their perspectives on what they thought about band prior to joining and how they view it now that they are in it. This all helps give perspectives for examples and finding ways to connect and recruit new students.
- There have been many humorous discussions and running jokes this year. I will be saving transcripts from Zoom discussions so I can release some of them at the end of the year.
- Excited to see the indoor guard groups and percussion are working on with their video/performances.
- Jazz band rehearsals have been working out better than expected by working in sections rather than by blue/gold entire ensembles. This is an interesting positive result of working within the current restrictions. Outdoor performance on May 12th at the Upper Providence Township Amphitheater (Anderson Farm Park).
- We are finding the older students are really stepping up and helping the newer students.

- May 22nd concert planning is still in process. The directors did discuss the general schedule and rearranged to have the HS students perform earlier in the day so if any of the students want to attend the non-school sponsored Prom event.
- App being used to be able to record students performing at home and in school. We will be able to use this to put together performances and share.
- Thank you for all your support through all of this. I am very impressed with the students and the responsibility they have displayed by maintaining protocols.

Kris Jennings – Middle School Band Director

- March is music in our schools month
- Mr. Cifelli and Mr. Perry are surveying their kids to see how many kids are comfortable coming in for in person vocal ensembles.
- Mrs. Baisch is having her first in person practice this Thursday. They had been practicing virtually.
- For band, we have about 2/3 of the students comfortable coming in person for practice so we've been able to meet in ensembles.
- We received a check for \$17 from Winter on Broad fundraiser.
- A few performances are scheduled and we are working on the May 22nd performances.

Officers Report

Vice President

- Nothing to report

Treasurer

- Budget review

Assistant Treasurer

- Updating SPAs with recent fundraisers
- Seniors start using your SPAs or think about how you want to use them towards your music expenses.
- Website redesign is in the works and will be launching soon

Secretary

- Minutes approved

Committee Reports

Concessions

- Nothing to Report

Fundraising

- Bowling Fundraiser Nights were every Wednesday in February. Thanks to everyone who came out!
- Lottery Sale going on now until the end of April. Drawing all month of May. We will be doing some in person sales, keep an eye out for details.
- Trivia Night will be May 20th at Soul Joels.
- Looking at doing a cornhole tournament in May
- Selling ticket books for the Reading Phils. Sale will be online starting next week.
- Remember to remind people to use SCRIP and Amazon Smile. Anyone can use these programs, not just Spring-Ford music families.
- There will be another Wawa sale in April
- We could use more help with all of the fundraisers, anyone interested in helping please reach out and let us know. We also need a new fundraising chair.

SCRIP

- 20 – 30 families consistently ordering

Ram Crew/Vehicles

- We will continue to need help moving props on Saturday. Guard needs some 2-3ft Christmas trees and outdoor projecting lights, if you have any please let Joe Domin know.

Uniforms

- Nothing to Report

Chaperones

- Nothing to Report

Membership/Data

- Must be a member to vote, so please make sure you are registered.
- We have used a new module on the website for events starting with Bowling and will use it for Corn Hole and Trivia. This changes the way we accumulate and manage information for events. While long term it will be easier, it is a learning process.

Old Business

Elections

- There will be a different registration process for the April and May Zoom meetings to ensure the voting is done correctly.
- Voting takes place at the May meeting
- 3 positions open this spring
 - President
 - Secretary
 - Assistant Treasurer

- Must be a member to vote
- If you are interested in running for any position reach out to any current or past members to get more information.
- The website has detailed listings of all the positions and what they entail.

2022 High School Music Trip

- We are not officially allowed to advertise the trip until the board gives approval. In the meantime, we are continuing to work on the planning and details.
- We will be flying to Orlando
- Music groups are planning their own performances. This means they won't all be all together the entire time. Performances may be at different times and locations depending on group.
- Universal studios is a possibility
- Trip cost range is \$1300 - \$1600

New Business

Events - Cornhole Tournament, Trivia Night, Spring-Ford Music Concert Spectacular

- We will be organizing planning groups for each of these events. We will need many volunteers. Anyone interested in helping with the planning please contact Dan Johns.

*This meeting was conducted via Zoom due to the PA governor's orders to social distance because of the current Covid-19 outbreak