**SFMA Meeting Minutes**

**January 11, 2024 (postponed due to weather)**

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**December Meeting Minutes Approval**

**Directors’ Reports**

Mrs. Jennings:

* Indoor guard is up and running with practices on Wednesday and Saturday
* MS Jazz Band has 4 festivals this season
* Inter County Band Festival starts this Saturday 11-4 at PV West, 11 kids from Spring-Ford
* More kids to add to the District Band roster, performance is 1/27 at PV West
* MS Spring trip is back to Hershey, Saturday 5/11, $125 for both kids and chaperones, anticipating 200 kids and 25 chaperones, waiting for official field trip approval before getting payments set up on line.

**Officers’ Reports**

Vice President, Eric Fretz: Nothing to report at this time

Treasurer, Heather Yonosh:

* The budget is going well
* Concessions is ahead of where it usually is at this point in the year
* The Marching Band column should be about $6000 less
* Need to ask Mr. Walls if we are buying next year’s show, would affect this year’s budget
* Have been working on confirming fees for Winter Guard and Winter Percussion, would like to get them online soon
* Winter Percussion will be $850 with 3 payments, Winter Guard will be $125

Assistant Treasurer, Dawn Svendsen:

* SPA is updated through the December Raise Right, only thing missing is the Thirty-One Fundraiser

Secretary, Gwen MacDonell: Nothing to report at this time

**Committee Reports**

Chaperones, Chris Chycota:

* Sign up Genius for Winter Percussion is going out again
* Working on getting hard copies of the student’s info from Mr. Walls, need them for the bus books

Concessions, Carrie Rutkowski:

* Sign up Genius coming out soon for food donations for the Color Guard home show

Fundraising, Scott Houde:

* Wawa is up and running, TBD pickup date, hopefully around Valentines day
* Bag Bingo ticket sales will be coming to the website soon
* We raised $114 at Outback
* We raised $225 at Cal Tort
* We raised $7500 at the holiday shoppe

Hospitality, Laura Simon/Christine Lyons: (not in attendance, discussed by Lisa Corey)

* Collected money for 2 meals in December, have more than enough
* Possibly planning a ping pong night, pizzas are on order but the date is getting rescheduled
* Will need to supply a meal for Winter Percussion on 2/24 when they travel to Connecticut

Merchandise, Brynn Lange/Kate Palladino (not in attendance, discussed by Lisa Corey)

* Merch items were put out at all the winter concerts and we sold alot

Raise Right, Lauren Chycota:

* 22 families spent $13,430 in gift cards, largest month of the year as expected with the holidays, this gave the kids $382 and SFMA $234
* $113,000 total face value throughout 2023
* Interesting fact, over the past 6 years over $1 million in gift cards has been sold

Vehicles, Becky Landry:

* Vehicles are all booked for Winter Guard and Winter Percussion
* Still desperate for drivers, Percussion needs 5 drivers every time they travel
* For next season, someone still needs to take over Ram Crew, and in May, Mr. Walls should consider finding drivers for the season by asking the new freshman parents
* Idea of a driving “test/class” for new parents who are interested but are worried they can’t handle the trailer, bring the trailer and a van to the parking lot and let parents practice.
* it’s also more than just driving, they need to know where to find keys, how to work the hitch, hot to park it.. even dropping the rental truck off at night should be more than just the same two parents, it’s too much and needs to be spread out among many parents

Ram Crew, Joe Domin:

* New trailer should be ready mid-February, no exact date yet
* The SF graphics guy is waiting for our ideas so he can help us design the wrap, he is the one who designs all the school signs so he has all the colors, etc.
* Props are moving along, still repairing and updating the bridge
* May have a guard prop build on Saturday or next week
* Almost ready to get started on MS props

Membership / Data:

* 53 families are signed up, 2 more than last month
* Data is still awesome

Uniforms, Becky Fretz: Nothing to report at this time

**New Business**

* Preview Night:
  + February 5th? No info yet for it, just percussion, all other indoor groups are March 18th
* Anyone know if we have cadets this year?
* Strings Jamboree:
  + March 22nd, Mrs. McGranahan and Miss Ham will pull it all together, we will help with Sign up Genius and Candy Grams and maybe Merch.
* Reading Buccs:
  + no longer rehearsing at Twin Valley, looking to host a preview night and wants to have it at SF, not much volunteer help needed, we would run concessions and profit from that, it is a ticketed event, they will keep that money, school will charge us so we can charge them a rental fee? Need to get answers from Dani Marone, how many people do they expect to attend? How long will it run? Asking Mr. Walls if our kids perform first could we get the space for free. Looking for feedback from the membership, should we or shouldn’t we?

**Old Business**

* Faculty Recital:
  + Rebranding, less dressy event, some volunteers will be needed, Sign up Genius has gone out, where can it be advertised so we get a good turn out?
* Winter Guard home show:
  + date is one week later than last year, planning has begun, 35 units signed up so far, planning to make it 2 shows with an awards half way through 3pm start time, MAIN website still says 2pm but they are going to change it, 2nd half awards will be at 9:20, logistically all first half groups will still be there when the first couple of 2nd half groups begin to arrive, will be the only time bus and truck parking will be a concern, spectators will not be cleared out and are welcome to watch both shows with one admission payment, Sign up genius is ready but has not gone out yet, Mike Lalli is doing sound, Mike Young is announcing, there will be a police presence onsite
* Dayton Trip:
  + Committee meeting last week to help plan better and come up with total costs, Heather working hard to come up with the total fee, a payment plan will be coming out by the end of the month, trying to coordinate with Mike on the adult cost, Somewhere between $500-$575, will ask Mike to gather interest of the adults of who wants to go, the more who go the less it will cost
* Website: Chuck Grazioso states that unsold apparel is being sold on the website, trying to clear out the inventory
* Mrs. Jennings: finally pulled the trigger and has submitted her retirement plans with the school district, it will be on next months school agenda, time to travel with her husband, will be hard to walk away she loves the kids and they are so talented