

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

- Marching band season off to a good start
- all facility requests are locked in for the entire next year
- New and exciting: hosting the Academy Drum and Bugle Corp, August 3-6, for Drum Corp International in Allentown, it'll be SFSD first time hosting since 2005, there could be a friends and family performance, there will definitely be an opportunity for students to come watch them practice and experience what drum corp is all about
- Football season starts a little before the school year, will need parent help with uniform sizing, etc, communication will come out
- (Lisa asks about Kickball or Swimming this year) This was a student driven event, I prefer the students to step up and own more of the season, with the new leadership team they will be stepping up more with responsibilities like taking role on the busses or organizing loading instruments, let's find out what the students prefer this year for kickball vs swimming

Kris Jennings – Middle School Band Director

- Memorial Day went really well in Spring City
- Thanks to the uniform committee we got everything back
- There was a meeting with incoming 7th grade parents and students, before the meeting there were 20 kids and after there were 48, the goal is always to have 40 musicians and 25 guard
- There is a 95% retention rate from 7th to 8th and the is huge
- MS color guard was planning to practice over the summer but were denied by the school district
- Regular practices for the entire MS MB begin 8/1 on Mondays and Wednesdays
- They will not have a preview night this year, their first performance will be the home show
- Suggestion of a MS meeting to get the parents out now to volunteer and get their clearances now.

Officers Report

Vice President

- Great to see new faces, thank you to all who contribute

Treasurer

- Mike Platchek's last night after 4 years, July meeting Heather Yonosh takes over
- 2 budgets to review, one fiscal and one proposed
- Budgets look strong and as expected

Assistant Treasurer

- Reminder to use SPA points, last day to use is 6/30, use for music related items only or can be willed to a sibling or another student

Secretary

- July fundraising meeting and general meeting are canceled, only the executive meeting on July 5th will be held. See you all in August.

Committee Reports

Concessions

- Welcome new people, please get your clearances

Fundraising

- Scott's first official meeting as the head of fundraising, always looking for help, please join us at the meeting right before this one
- 2 types of fundraisers: SPA and direct money to SFMA
- Flyers for upcoming Handel's dine out printed for you, need to bring to get credit
- Save the date cards so you can be prepared for all upcoming events through January 2023

Scrip

- On pace to generate the least amount of money ever since SFMA started this program
- No longer called scrip, change all collateral and speech to Raise Right

Ram Crew/Vehicles

- Need to start building props for marching band season
- Will need truck drivers, please get clearances and give a copy of your DL to the school district
- Monday 6/20, big clean out of the away concessions, will be demoing some shelves, turning old candy shack into Ram Shack for storage
- Sold some old props to a school in Iowa, not sure when they will come to get them
- Trailer is being inspected 8/1

Data

- nothing to report

Chaperones

- If you do not have Substantial Clearances or they are ready to expire, please get it done now. First football game is away on 8/26/2022. Clearances MUST be submitted to the school district office NO LATER than Tuesday, August 9, 2022, if you plan to volunteer for that game.
- I will be "graduating" next year, if interested in being head chaperone and want to shadow me next season, please let me know.

Uniforms

- Still missing 7 uniforms
- Need helpers to help measure students for marching band, planning on a week during band camp

Attire

- Always looking for new ideas of items to be sold

Old Business

May Meeting Minutes

- approved

New Business

Budget Vote

- Passed

New Committee: Hospitality

- Run by Christine Lyons and Laura Simons
- Meals and snacks for kids during the band season
- Not in the budget so will need to do their own fundraising and asking for food donations as well as monetary donations

No July General Meeting

Meeting Adjourned