

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.

December Meeting Minutes

- Approved

Directors Reports

Mr. Jones:

- Jazz band stating, sending out emails of information now
- Need jazz band chaperones, easy gig, only one show at Boscov's during a school day
- Jazz festival is Tuesday 3/29 in Reading
- Nothing new for winter guard and percussion
- MAIN Home show is 3 times the size as last year with 35 groups signed up at this time
- Grateful for the approval to change the budget items so a show could be purchased for fall of
- 2023. Everything has gone through, we now won the show and copyrights to the music
- No information for band camo yet, probably the same as last year
- The football schedule for fall is very different, may not go to all the away games due to distance

Mrs. Jennings:

- Middle school guard has started practicing, Wednesday and Saturday and every other Monday
- Inter county band started practicing at Arcola, there are 11 SF representatives, they will wear
- their marching band uniform – no hat
- Jazz band has 5 festivals this year in 4 weeks time, will need parent transportation
- The teacher gala has been cancelled for this year, not enough available performers
- Middle school spring band trip is Saturday 5/13, info will be mailed out this week, \$120 per person
- Want to close Smart music page on the MS band website

Vice President:

- No report, shared gift from the band jacket vendor

Treasurer:

- Fundraising has come up, lots of merchandise sold from old inventory so that is all profit
- Still working out the final numbers for both winter percussion and guard trips and fees
- Because HS guard won't have any props this year, the program fee is being lowered to \$100
- The SFMA Venmo account has been reestablished as a business account, Heather is not a fan of Venmo for our organization, now paying fees on all Venmo transactions, almost the same cost as credit card transactions
- Credit card readers have been upgraded, now offer tap to pay and apple pay, also PayPal and Venmo on the readers, fees are lower on in person purchases, will require a \$5 minimum to use electronic payment or credit card to offset those fees
- Dayton trip payments will be 2% cheaper if paying by check or SPA points, testing to see if people will be more willing to pay by check to save the money or if a usage fee tacked onto the payment will not deter them

Assistant Treasure:

- SPA's everything is updated- Corbis, Raise Right and Mattress sale

Secretary:

- No report

Concessions:

- Vendor fair was very successful
- Getting ready for the MAIN winter guard home show, Colleen unable to attend, Carrie Rutkowski will be in charge, this is good preparation for her as she is running concessions next year

Fundraising:

- Year to date for 2022 funds raised are over \$13,000
- Wawa coupon sale went live on the website yesterday, the coupons will be delivered 2/14
- Date for trivia night has been chosen: May 5th, need to lock it in with the firehall before any plans can begin
- Designer bag bingo has been set for March 24th

Hospitality:

- Just preparing for the indoor season, just a few times percussion will need meal assistance

Raise Right:

- November was the highest selling month, probably due to holiday shopping, April was the lowest selling month

- Need to discuss how spending money will be managed for the Dayton trips, will Visa gift cards be purchased again like with Orlando?

Ram Crew:

- Still building props for winter percussion, painting will begin soon
- Still need drivers for winter guard and percussion Dayton trip

Data/Membership:

- No report

Chaperones:

- Deanna is now in charge of all clearances, there is also a new contact at the school, it is no longer Sue Saylor
- Need a list of parent volunteers for indoor to check for clearances
- Request a SUG is created for indoor percussion chaperones and shared with Sam and Chris (next year's head of chaperones)
- Indoor guard chaperones are all clear
- No idea what Middle School needs yet

Uniforms/Merchandise: (not in attendance, read by Vice President)

- Will need assistance with percussion uniforms when they arrive
- Also need help with sewing and cutting part of a prop.. not sure what it is

New Business:

Teacher gala canceled; it is considered a fundraiser so if anyone has any ideas for a replacement fundraiser... that missing money will need to be raised from somewhere

Old Business:

Winter guard MAIN home show is set for 1/28, there are now 35 units registered, SUG coming out soon to get volunteers and food donations, mostly the same as always so there won't be a need to form a committee, might need a new person for the spirit basket – not sure if Kathy Pancek is still interested in doing it as her kids are no longer with the music program

Adjourn Meeting