

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.

May Meeting Minutes - approved

Directors' Reports - none

Officers' Reports

Vice President

- Absentee ballots that were discussed at the last meeting, the proposal will not be moving forward, it could always be open for discussion at a later date

Treasurer

- Continuing to gather money owed for end of year, directors are sending out emails to those who owe
- Budget year to date for this year seems to be under budget, asking the directors if they need to buy anything else before the end of the year
- Next year's budget has some different expectations, lowered donations and concessions, also tracking the miscellaneous fees from PayPal to better capture those costs
- Program fees are not listed on the budget, it balances out anyway as program fees pay directly for the items needed like gloves and/or shoes, it is hard to track how many kids will end up being in each program so it makes it difficult to track on the budget
- Fall program fees/essentials fees are being worked on now, the goal is to make it not any more than the \$150 from last year
- Working on a better ordering system than prior years, this one should be less confusing, before there were issues with parents saying one thing and the student saying another

Assistant Treasurer - not in attendance, read by Secretary

- The SPAs are updated to include the May Raise Right amounts and the flower fundraiser

Secretary

- The July meetings will be canceled for the summer, meetings will resume again in August, an email reminder will be sent out, moving forward all meetings will be held in the orchestra room, no one will be manning the band room door to let you in

Committee Reports

Chaperones:

This is Sam Reina's last meeting as head chaperone but she is not leaving, one more year as Sal continues to play with the band

Concessions: No report

Fundraising:

- Flower sale yielded around \$700
- Annual Wawa hoagie sale is on now, ideally handing out coupons a week before the start of band camp
- 2 Dine and Donates coming up – Bruster's July 17th and Handel's August 24th

RaiseRight:

- 16 families for May yielding \$379 in SPA and \$232 for SFMA
- The highest rebate opportunity this month is 6%, Lauren will continue to email out which is the highest rebate for each month to encourage users to earn the most that they can

Hospitality: no report

Membership/Data: no report

Ram Crew/Vehicles:

- Trailer is back where it belongs
- An Eagle scout is working in the away stands to make it better
- Clean out day has not been scheduled yet because there is no place to put everything until the staff sells stuff or at least decide what they want to sell and what SFMA can toss out

Uniforms

- Going to the dry cleaners tomorrow (6/14), need one more person to help drive them over, Christina Cercio volunteered

New Business

Budget for 2023 – 2024 - In line with last year, really looked at spending and re-estimated many of the lines, Marching Band's budget was brought down due to having a smaller color guard

Container - Dr. Colyer called to let Lisa know that the school budget won't allow for a summer installation of the shipping container for band storage, he recommends presenting it to the school board in the fall and it will have better chances of being approved

Essentials Fees form - Last year one issue was the electronic form being open on the website for too long, this was done to allow people to continue paying, but then we weren't getting orders in time, we then overbought, sometimes kids and parents would disagree with what is needed or what size should be ordered. This year a google form will be created and sent out through each director, this form will collect all the information in one place, this way Becky Fretz will know what to order earlier in the season, the payments will still be online but will not have any ordering information – discussion arises about white dinkles – if there are not enough white shoes donated, we will likely stick with the black shoes, Mr. Walls doesn't want it to be an additional expense, Lisa Corey asks if it would be better to change the blue T-shirt to a Dry Fit shirt and hand them out every other year instead, too many families complain about getting too many T-shirts.

Old Business

Absentee Ballot – Not moving forward, it was just too much work, requires an entire committee just to run elections

Mattress Sale – Asking the membership if they feel the mattress sale is worth running again this year, volunteers is the biggest issue, it's too big of a day for just one person, membership asks what would we replace it with in terms of generating funds, Conductor Raffle? Lottery Tickets? The hardest part is getting volunteers to run these fundraisers, asking Mr Walls to email out clearances link so people are cleared and ready to go when we need people, like for when measuring uniforms begins, etc

SPA points – 2023 graduates must cash out by June 28

Motion to approve budget – Approved

Motion to adjourn meeting

Orlando Raffle drawing – winner selected is Susan Boyer