

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

- We had marching band kick off last night. Didn't go as planned due to technology issues, but the recording is out the with forms and all information needed in the presentation
- Still waiting for green light from district/state to begin in person sessions. Hoping sometime in July
- Lots of zoom meetings and interactions planned to help the kids socialize and get acquainted
- Many individual instructions going out too
- Goal is to start in person after July 4th holiday
- Compiling data on what other schools are doing and working with the district to work out a plan
- Luckily, we have lots of room (physical space) for our program to meet in person
- Changes for 2020/2021
 - BOA – still lots of unknowns and there will be an additional cost to participants for this competition. It will be 2-night overnight trip
 - Band app is replacing Remind – biggest upside is admin can break everyone into groups. Sections can communicate amongst themselves, but it is under supervision
 - Costs (How we pay for things) – Instead of having lots of individual orders and forms for various items, there will be one fee collected at the beginning of the program that will cover all necessary costs (except for BOA travel). This will consolidate costs to help families spend less over time. It also keeps it simple, so individuals are only buying what they need without a bunch of individual forms
- Staff has committed to keep our standard at a high level as always regardless of current uncertain situation
- Very excited about this year's show. Great music
- Will continue to email as new information is available

Danielle Marone – High School Color Guard Director

- Zoom meeting held with guard kids. It was great to see everyone
- Have the kids setting goals to be achieved by band camp
- Will be assigning video assignments for the kids to submit
- Second week of band camp, guard will follow the same schedule as band.

- Trip proposal is put together for Nationals in Dayton
- Planning for a normal winter season
- Any questions, concerns email springfordcg@gmail.com

Kris Jennings – Middle School Band Director

- Spent the last few days collecting music and uniforms. Still a few stragglers
- By Wednesday registrations for marching band should be finalized
- Marching band uniforms most likely won't be ready in time. Hoping they will be in by the time the season starts, but not likely.
- Interviewing percussion instructors since Mr. Tobin is not coming back after many years. He has been a huge help to the program and the kids. He will probably be more involved in the HS now that his youngest is moving up from the MS. Will send out information on new hire as soon as approved.
- MS color guard registration is sent out online
- Can't practice in person yet. First Monday night in August is first planned in person practice as of now.
- Will be having our wedding on July 21st in Key West!!!

Officers Report

Secretary

- Minutes approved

Vice President

- No Report
- Special thank you to Kevin Miller for all of your work the last two years!

Assistant Treasurer

- Graduating seniors need to decide how they want to handle any SPA money in their accounts – Deadline is June 30th
 - They can submit requests for use of existing funds towards any music related expense/equipment
 - They can will it to another current student
 - If nothing is done with the funds, they will be put into a scholarship account.

Treasurer

- Refunds still going out
- Williamsburg returned half of our money we are still waiting for the other half
- Lottery payouts will start in June
- Year is pretty much wrapped up

President

- Thank you to the staff for working to be responsible with their budgets especially with how this year went.

Committee Reports

Concessions

- Stand is cleaned out and we donated the food

Fundraising

- Thanks for a great job selling lottery tickets.
- On-line band camp survival kit/items will be going on sale in June for delivery in time for band camp
- Wawa sale will begin this summer
- Claire's gourmet sale will also begin late summer
- Lottery calendar sale for November drawings
- Pie Sale for Thanksgiving
- Mattress and Clothing Drive October 4th
- Poinsettia sale in time for holidays
- Electronics sale in time for the holidays
- Dine outs will start to be scheduled once restaurants are more fully open

Scrip

- Arranged for safe, contactless delivery of cards
- Will do promotion to encourage new users

Dinner & Show

- Potentially on a Sunday in December

Vehicles

- No Report

Membership

- New online forms launching
- Happenings and Facebook will be sent to launch

Chaperones

- Nothing to report

Uniforms

- Waiting on guidance for when we can see the kids in person for measuring

Old Business

Williamsburg Trip Cancellation

- Payment should be in by the end of June
- Refunds will be sent out as soon as available

End of Year Music Banquet

- Would have been last week
- Will be sending out a video in its place

- Joe Domin has been working hard on putting it together. Coordinating with directors and seniors
- We will send a link via email and social media as soon as it's available

New Business

2020/2021 Budget Process

- New rule – balanced budget
- Reserve funding – money we've set aside from previous years
- Program fees – will be shown in the budget now not just passed through, for transparency
- Proposing budget based on "normal" seasons spending and revenue
- Budget was presented for approval
 - No questions or comments
 - Budget passed via majority vote

July Meeting

- July 7th will be an executive meeting. Discussion will be around budget & planning for next year
- There will be no July general membership meeting

VP Transition

- Thank you to Kevin Miller for doing a great job in this position. We now welcome Eric Fretz to assume the VP position. Eric, we are looking forward to the next few years!

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