

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 is over
- Thanks to everyone here who helped with our season: chaperoning, uniforms, Ram crew, etc.
- Very proud of where we got with this season despite all that was thrown at us
- Happy to have had a season
- Hoping for a Memorial Day performance
- Working on jazz, indoor guard & percussion
 - Sign-ups going on now or soon
 - Competitions will be virtual
 - Preparing safety plans for all 3 programs for the district
- This Thursday 9th grade students will be coming back into the building for in-person classes
- Special thank you to Rie Huntington, 2020 graduate, for his Eagle Scout project of a storage system for our new band room. It has come in extremely handy while prepping for everyone to come back into the classroom in person
- Still figuring out what we are doing for concerts. Have several options in mind, need to find out from the district what will work
- Encouraging kids and families to fundraise for upcoming Disney trip.
- New Disney trip information will be shared in the spring

Emily McGranahan – High School Orchestra Director

- Update given by Mr. Jones
 - Orchestra service project – Operation Shoebox
 - Still collecting donations
 - Been doing for the last several years
 - Want to open it up to entire music department
 - Lots of options for donations. Cash - \$9 to ship each box, Items for in the boxes, Notes from students.
 - It would be great for the students to work together to help others outside themselves
 - Orchestra students performed last week for PA Southeastern veteran's center. RCTV recorded.

Kris Jennings – Middle School Band Director

- Thank you to everyone for your support in coming out to see our middle school marching band perform last week
- Middle school parents were very happy to see the extended band family show up and get a feel of what it feels like to be part of this group
- Thanks to Jennifer and Lisa for taking pictures at practice and during the performance. The parents and students love this!
- Thanks to the guys who moved our equipment over to the HS for the performance as well.
- Marching band season is done
- Switching to concert band
- Logistics of managing/scheduling lessons is complex, please review schedules.
- Wednesday will be “odd” lessons that we weren’t able to schedule on the M/R or T/F schedule
- Middle school is not having Winter Concerts
- Hoping to put together some smaller ensembles to perform together in the spring
- At max we can have 20 kids in the band room at one time
- Fundraising opportunity “Winter on Broad”. Programs runs November 27-January 2. If people buy tickets through us, we will get \$3.50-\$8 per ticket purchased depending on the price of the ticket.

Danielle Marone – Color Guard Director

- Indoor color guard email went out about signing up for winter guard. About 32 signed up so far
- MAIN is all virtual. Possibility of them hosting an in-person, outdoor event at the end of April, early May
- Not typical Gold & Blue team planned for this season. Due to need for smaller teams because of smaller practice space. Will possibly be split into 3 groups
- Trying to group people based on many factors
- Middle school will run about the same as high school
- Have a lot of staff but not all are comfortable with being in small, indoor space with many kids.
- No travel for the indoor season
- Cadet guard will possibly start later in the school year to be able to work outdoors

Mike Hoinowski – 5/6 Band Instructor

- Update sent via email
- A few updates for 5/6 band:
 - Current enrollment is around 135.
 - Getting ready for the transition to (mostly) in person. Lots of schedule obstacles in our building, but the pieces are all finally falling into place!

- All “ensemble rehearsals” will be remaining virtual until Winter break at 5/6 (orchestra & chorus included). We’ll see if that can change later?
- Virtual ensemble rehearsals have been running since September and going well!
- No in-person concerts, possibly recorded virtual performances (either via Zeswitz, or done in-house like last year)?
- HUGE thank you to Mrs. Fretz and anyone else in the SFMA rosters who are helping with making & distributing bell covers!!!

Officers Report

Secretary

- Minutes approved
- Danielle’s term is up this spring
- Anyone interested in learning more about this position or want to help in any way with communications, please contact Danielle at secretary@springfordmusic.org

Assistant Treasurer

- Tom’s term is also up this spring
- Anyone interested in learning more about this position, please contact Tom at sfma.assistant.treasurer@gmail.com
- Updating SPAs with SCRIP
- Website updates with fundraisers
- Volunteer information will go up on the website in the next month

Treasurer

- Budget not much changed
- Doing a great job managing spending

Vice President

- Glad we had a marching band season; sad it wasn’t quite what we all would have liked
- Looking forward to working on indoor and planning for next year.

Committee Reports

Data

- 98 members signed up
- Data is getting information to and from wherever needed

Uniforms

- Thanks to everyone who helped out throughout the season
- Uniforms will need to be cleaned. Working with the district to get this done

Chaperones

- Thanks to those who help out with the football games and senior night
- Samantha Reina will be taking over as head chaperone

Ram Crew/Vehicles

- Thanks for all volunteers who have helped all season. We've been working since August and have had many volunteers
- Thanks for the flexibility
- We will need a new Ram Crew leader. Kevin will be holding auditions this spring (lol)

Scrip

- Message sent to active users about upcoming ThankSCRIPing days coming up 11/19 & 11/20. Preview of vendors will be released on 11/18
- New direct shipped to home option for gift cards. This will streamline the process. Need to use the Raise Right App to utilize this feature. This process makes it easier for non-local family and friends to participate

Memory Book

- Book has gone to print
- Should be distributing in a few weeks
- Lots of effort and time spent to turn our typical book into a full-color, special edition. Many hours spent taking pictures, searching through old pictures and designing the layout.
- Excited to share the final version with everyone

Fundraising

- Need new chair for next year. Joy is a senior parent so she will not be continuing as chair next year.
- Handle's Ice Cream Dine out on 12/7/20
- Lottery calendar sale for November drawings is currently going on
- Pie Sale for Thanksgiving is all done. Pies will be distributed the week of Thanksgiving. Will send email to purchasers with pick up information
- Poinsettia sale in time for holidays
- Electronics sale in time for the holidays
- Ornament sale in time for the holidays
- Trivia Night aiming for April so it can be outdoors
- Another Lottery sale in spring – drawing in May
- Jacket sales currently going on

Concessions

- Thanks to the committee and all who helped
- Football season is over. We were a well-oiled machine
- Planning for November 23rd when we have to feed breakfast to the teachers for conferences

Old Business

Volunteer Process

- Similar process will be used for indoor season
- We will reach out when we need volunteers

By-Law Changes

- Proposed changes reviewed and voted on (See attached)
 - Proposals 1 & 2 passed with a unanimous yes vote
 - Proposal 3 passed with a unanimous yes vote

New Business

Indoor Season

- Covered by the directors in their updates earlier this evening

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