

# 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

- Not a lot to report
- All indoor groups (Jazz, Percussion, Guard) are up and running
- Starting on marching band planning already. Tomorrow night running info zoom meeting, focus on recruiting/informing 8<sup>th</sup> graders. If you know others interested, please have them get in touch with me via email for more information
- New Band Honors course being offered next year. Course selection is starting soon, keep this new course option in mind.
- This new course shows the continued support and growth of the music program by our current school board and administration. Keep this support in mind while the search for a new superintendent is happening and while school board elections start up soon.
- Continue to advocate positively for the support of our programs so we can see the programs grow and continue to expand just as they have with this addition to the music curriculum.
- We have a student teacher from West Chester University. They are a big help with splitting time to work with the virtual students
- Working on forming small ensembles
- Will get Disney/Florida trip information out soon. Still working on admin and board communication and approval
- It has been great watching the indoor seasons get going

Emily McGranahan – High School Orchestra Director

- May 22<sup>nd</sup> is “Music Palooza” – One day of music Middle School and High School. All concerts in one day. May 23<sup>rd</sup> is the rain date.
- Looking forward to one day of music and making it a fun event

## Kris Jennings – Middle School Band Director

- Intercounty band was successful. Festival is cancelled but still trying to honor the kids in some way.
  - 8 – 9<sup>th</sup> graders
  - 3 – 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- 2 ensembles started today
- Indoor guard started back up tonight
- Jazz ensemble started
- No busses to transport 8<sup>th</sup> graders to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade building. Worked it out with athletics to have 8<sup>th</sup> graders walk to 9<sup>th</sup> grade building for transport. They are arriving later than usual, but we are doing the best we can with the situation.
- 80 kids in the MS concert band
  - Sent out a survey to sign up for ensembles – several available
  - Many challenges but working it all out
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> concert will be awesome
- Many 8<sup>th</sup> graders planning to continue playing in HS

## Officers Report

### President

- School Board Update
  - May 22<sup>nd</sup> is MS & HS all music programs' concert
  - End of the year banquet – details still being worked on
- President's Club Meeting
  - It's a meeting of all fundraising/parent organizations' leadership from the entire district. Ideas, plans and concerns are shared to assist in making everyone aware of activities and also to bring these events to the School Board President's attention.
  - It was great to hear all the groups are finding a way to still have fundraisers and have events while being very creative.
  - We mentioned the idea of the need for an exterior tent provided by the district for organizations to hold fundraisers and end of year events

### Vice President

- Nothing to report

### Treasurer

- Budget review

### Assistant Treasurer

- Updating SPAs with recent fundraisers
- Seniors start using your SPAs or think about how you want to use them towards your music expenses.
- Looking to redesign the website to freshen it up and make it more intuitive

## Secretary

- Minutes approved

## Committee Reports

### Concessions

- We will need volunteers for May 22<sup>nd</sup> concert

### Fundraising

- Thanks to everyone who supported our Wawa sale. We will send an email directly to those who ordered about pick up.
- There will be another Wawa sale in April
- Bowling Fundraiser Nights every Wednesday in February. Fun night out while raising money for SFMA
- Rita Water Ice discount cards on sale. Order now! Will send more reminders. Next Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> is the last day to order.
- Lottery Sale starting again. Drawing all month of May
- Trivia Night aiming for April or May so it can be outdoors
- Looking at doing a cornhole tournament in May
- Selling ticket books for the Reading Phils. Sale will be online. Look out for more information.
- Remember to remind people to use SCRIP and Amazon Smile. Anyone can use these programs, not just Spring-Ford music families.
- We could use more help with all of the fundraisers, anyone interested in helping please reach out and let us know.

### SCRIP

- Slower month than December – which is normal
- ThankScriping Days coming up February 18 & 19
- Passed \$500,000 in value of purchases – huge milestone

### Ram Crew/Vehicles

- Thanks to Joe Domin for doing a lot of the legwork behind the scenes for the guard groups props
- Look for an email later this week about schedule for building props

### Uniforms

- Heidi Ciano & Paula Miller went through indoor percussion outfits from last year and distributed them back to participants. They were very happy to get them back.
- Still need to find out when the marching band uniforms will be dry cleaned

### Chaperones

- Nothing to Report

## Membership/Data

- Thanks to Dawn Svendsen for taking on the Wawa sale & stepping in to take over when Jennifer “graduates”

## Old Business

### Elections

- Voting takes place at the May meeting
- 3 positions open this spring
  - President
  - Secretary
  - Assistant Treasurer
- Must be a member to vote
- If you are interested in running for any position reach out to any current or past members to get more information

## New Business

### Disney Trip

- Dan Johns and Eric Fretz working on all the background information and gave the district preliminary info for review.
- Deposit will be due the end of March
- Details are all still up in the air and will be communicated at a later date

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