

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.

Dan Johns, President opened up the meeting welcoming everyone and gave a general overview of how the meetings run since this is our first meeting of the school year and we had new members present.

Directors Report

Seth Jones – High School Band Director

- Day 2 of Hybrid Band Camp – everything is going well.
- Where we are...
 - Cavalcade will not have in person shows. They are working on setting up a virtual plan
 - Parent Preview will be September 19, which was the previously planned home show date. Gives us more time to prepare
 - BOA is planning a virtual experience on October 17th with live steam competitions.
 - Senior Night – still planning to have with a performance in our stadium.
 - No news on football at this point
 - Working with RCTV to do virtual show broadcasts
 - Focusing lots on Social/Emotional Health of the students
 - Students are getting involved in show development and planning. Working with staff to help put show together and learn behind the scene aspects of what it takes to put on a full marching band show.
 - Leadership is going well. They are looking at how we do things now and how we can do them better.
 - Uniforms this year will not be traditional marching band uniforms. They need to be easy to wash. They will be wearing white chef jackets which we will provide and any basic solid black pants of your choosing.
 - We are working to put out an awesome show and help the students individually and as a unit grow in the process
 - No date yet for band pictures
 - Check in process is going well
 - Volunteers will need current clearances. District forms are not available yet.
 - Kona Ice is coming Thursday – show your love to one of our loyal sponsors
 - Thank you to everyone for all your support!

Brett Slifer – Elementary Band

- Excited to be her and helping out with HS Marching Band.

Danielle Marone – High School Color Guard Director

- Day 2 things are going well
- Not many updates
- Kids are doing great with the rules
- Ordering uniforms – will be easy to wash
- Even with the larger group broken into 2 groups all is good

Kris Jennings – Middle School Band Director

- MS Marching Band start date is pushed back
- They are on hold until at least next week
- Need board approval for MS extracurriculars
- Percussionists have met with Paul Smith, the new instructor
- She will email parents with start date and information once given the approvals
- She will set up a Zoom with the kids and parents to explain procedures
- New uniforms may be in late September/early October
- Kids will all need the blue MS marching unit tshirts

Officers Report

President

- Information will be coming out soon on marching band start up and fundraising etc. We are a little behind due to all of the changes.

Secretary

- Minutes approved

Vice President

- Nothing to report yet
- Eric is ready to jump in wherever needed

Assistant Treasurer

- Updating SPAs getting ready for fundraising to start
- Updating Website, putting all fundraising online

Treasurer

- Budget review

Committee Reports

Concessions

- Colleen Felder is the new chair, working with several others as a committee to figure out what is needed
- No Football Concessions

- Need to do stand clean out soon – will touch base with volunteers to get it scheduled in the next few weeks.

Fundraising

- Wawa sale has started
- Soul Joel's Comedy night out with SNAP is September 24
- Lottery calendar sale for November drawings
 - Preview on Thursday night
 - Will run until October 31
 - Drawing in November
- Pie Sale for Thanksgiving
- Mattress and Clothing Drive on hold
- Poinsettia sale in time for holidays
- Electronics sale in time for the holidays

Scrip

- New app – RaiseRight by Scrip
 - Makes purchasing easier

Dinner & Show

- Fall 2021 possibly

Vehicles

- Not much going on yet
- Special thanks to Mike & April Snopkowski for working with Parsons & sons to get the stand restored and repaired.

Membership

- Form is online
- 56 members

Chaperones

- Make sure your clearances are current and all forms are submitted

Uniforms

- Working on sizing students

Sewing

- Help needed with sewing instrument covers
- sewing@springfordmusic.com is email to contact for more information

Data

- New committee
- Working on collecting and organizing information from all the new online forms and ordering

Old Business

New Business

Volunteer Process

- Meet the volunteer nights
 - In person August 18th at 7pm
 - Virtual August 19th at 7pm
- More information coming

MS & HS Marching Band Start Up

- The directors will be sending out information with details
- HS band fee will not include Dinkles
- MS band fee will include t-shirt and Dinkles

General Comments

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