

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

Kris Jennings – Middle School Band Director

- Thank you to Tom Sanders for setting up the Smart Music ordering on the website for kids to purchase. The page can come down now.
 - Smart Music is a site with a library of music and the students can play along with background music. This is great for the students to practice when they can't attend lessons and to supplement their lessons. These programs are great to help the kids round out their music training and helps them prepare for their high school lessons.
- Jazz band auditions next week. Hoping to start up practices in February
- Looking at doing an outdoor concert in the spring. Hoping this works out so we can have some sort of event at the end of the year
- Indoor MS Color Guard starts this week. Practices are Tuesday and Friday. Happy to have them back.

Emily McGranahan – High School Orchestra Director

- Orchestra has begun after school practices at the beginning of the year
- Thank you to SFMA for their hosting snacks for the HS teachers tomorrow!

Seth Jones – High School Band Director

- Winter Percussion starts next week
- All indoor groups (Jazz, Percussion, Guard) are up and running
- Winter guard is split into 3 groups. Each group is meeting at least once a week. Each group represents a season and all three will perform the fourth.
- Winter Percussion will work in small groups and then come together in the end
- Jazz is rehearsing working in the Blue and Gold Hybrid groups for now. Later in the season they will split by normal Blue and Gold Jazz groups.
- Planning to do Outdoor jazz competitions and video content
- Super energized to see what our kids come up with in these times where things aren't quite usual
- Thanks to all the parents for doing everything you can to keep this year going and helping these kids work on their craft.

- Looking ahead
 - Planning for spring. Usually have spring concerts so trying to look at alternate options perhaps outdoors in May
 - Initial discussions have begun about what next year looks like
 - Kids at home are hard to connect with so my new year's resolution is to figure out how to work with them for effectively

Officers Report

President

- Dog Tags for the marching band season will be delivered soon
- Hopefully we will be able to have end of the year banquet
- Disney planning has begun behind the scenes and we will be coming out with more info in February
- So proud of this group for their efforts on raising funds, managing expenses and keeping things running for the students in this difficult year.

Vice President

- Final delivery of instrument covers went out last week

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.
- Been busy with updating the website with fundraisers. Tabs at the top have changed as needed.

Secretary

- Minutes approved

Committee Reports

Concessions

- Tomorrow we will be dropping off snacks and drinks to the High School for the teachers

Fundraising

- Wawa sale will kick off in January and another one in April
- Rita Water Ice will kick off in the winter
- Lottery Sale again in the spring – drawing in May
- Trivia Night aiming for April or May so it can be outdoors
- Looking at doing a cornhole tournament in May
- Remember to remind people to use SCRIP and Amazon Smile. Anyone can use these programs, not just Spring-Ford music families.

SCRIP

- December was a really good month
- New direct shipped to home option for gift cards is going great. This process makes it easier for non-local family and friends to participate.
- Make sure you are paying attention as to your delivery selection if you want to have them delivered directly to you.

Ram Crew/Vehicles

- Will have clean up to do in the Spring
- Will be working on design and production of winter indoor props. Once we know plan Kevin will send out emails for volunteers.

Uniforms

- Nothing New

Chaperones

- Nothing New

Membership/Data

- 98 members signed up
- Data is quiet for now but will be busy again very soon with fundraisers

Dinner & a Show

- Nothing New

Old Business

Dinner & a Show Committee

- Looking for volunteers

New Business

Elections

- Voting takes place at the May meeting
- 3 positions open this spring
 - President
 - Secretary
 - Assistant Treasurer

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