

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.

September meeting minutes approval

Directors Report

Seth Jones – High School Band Director (not in attendance)

Kris Jennings – Middle School Band Director

- Middle School season is over
- Indoor guard is having clinics for a few weeks and then indoor practices begin after the New Year
- Jazz band and Concert band are both starting up
- Inter County Jazz Band auditions are tomorrow. They will draft selections and people will be notified if they are in by the end of this week
- Fitting Jazz band for uniforms, repaired the old vests, hoping next year to purchase new vests, maybe put it in next year's budget
- Concert band is wearing white tops and black bottoms so easier than uniforms, concert is 12/13
- Very excited that band has jumped from 37 musicians to 62, only 3 are 8th graders so two years from now there will hopefully be a jump in participation for the high school marching band
- Hershey trip is May 13th
- Still hoping to have a RaiseRight meeting for Middle School parents, guard and concert band, will pick a date and send it to Lauren Chyota

Officers Report

Vice President (not in attendance, read by secretary)

- I apologize for not being in attendance for the meeting but as it's been said; the music never stops. My saxophone is in hand as I am playing in the pit orchestra for Methacton Community Theater's production of How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying. Dress rehearsals are all week with opening night this Friday. Obviously many of us are busy with the end of marching season this weekend but for those of you who enjoy theater, there are additional dates for the musical Nov. 18, 19, and 20. See their website for details.
- The marching season feels like it's gone by very fast and I'm looking forward to seeing the evolution of all of our music groups throughout the winter.

Treasurer

- Budget copies available with year-to-date information
- Outdoor expenses pretty much all in
- Concessions sales for football is around \$3k each game
- Pass Throughs for Inter County Orchestra, didn't affect the SFMA budget much, Yvonne does have a couple of hundred dollars left over, will find out what she wants to do with it
- Bus deposits are in for Hershey, Dayton and the one-day choir trip
- Kona Ice profit share for the season was \$2400

Assistant Treasurer: (not in attendance, read by Secretary)

- All SPA accounts have been updated to include all points earned, with the exception of the Joe Corbi sale and the mattress sale. Those will be added in once we get the amounts.

Secretary

- no report

Committee Reports

Concessions

- Great experience this season, so thankful to everybody who helped
- There wasn't a lot of volunteers for the last football game, so that was wild
- Anne Miers is getting the candy for candy grams
- Carrie Rutkowski is organizing the away stands and cleaning out for next season
- What do we need for Hershey from concessions? Decided that Hot Chocolate is not something that should be served again this year, will bring some chips and waters
- As indoor season approaches, we will move things into closets to make it easier
- Colleen is NOT available to help for the indoor guard show, also need a new concessions committee head for next year

Fundraising

- The mattress sale yielded \$1745, PJ Whelihan's dine out earned \$104
- Linvilla pie fundraiser, last orders accepted on Friday, Pick up is 11/22, a Sign Up Genius will go out
- There is going to be a flash sale for the Christmas Ornament, keep an eye out for it because it will only be open about 2 weeks

Raise Right:

- October \$10,000 in gift cards were sold, yielding \$163 for SFMA
- November begins the ordering of physical gift cards only twice a month instead of each week, saves SFMA a lot of money, option to ship to home still available if you need the card faster
- 8 new families have signed up

Data: (not in attendance, ready by secretary)

- No new members since last month.
- We are working to simplify the process of ordering the Essentials kit for next year in order to make it easier for both the parents and the people tracking and placing the orders.

Hospitality:

- There were 3 meals served this year, all were a huge success
- Thank you to everyone who helped
- The Hershey meal is set up at a restaurant
- Hoping to continue hospitality meals during the indoor season for both programs, there may be a need in Dayton for percussion
- Still collecting money for the meal at Hershey, venmo or cash

Ram Crew/Vehicles

- This Sunday is Championships and yet the props were just completed last night
- Thank you to everyone who helped during this season
- Good to go for Indoor and will start working on those props soon, there are 3 groups to make props for and to drive trucks for, will need lots of help

Chaperones

- Still don't have enough chaperones for Friday, and what will we do if it rains?
- Still haven't found a head chaperone replacement for next year
- Plan to speak to the indoor instructors next week to learn their needs for the season

Uniforms/Attire

- Black uniforms came home and should be cleaned and returned by Thursday
- There will be a quick sale posted for SF music gear, 12 day turn around in order to have it in time for the 1st winter concert
- Using the same supplier for this sale, but willing to look for a new supplier who won't be so last minute
- Coats will arrive by the end of this week, might be able to have a pick up on Saturday
- Merchandise will be for sale at all 3 holiday concerts and at the holiday sale on 12/11
- There are a few shirts left from the marching band season, would love to sell them so we don't eat that cost

New Business

- Winter concerts will have ornament pick up, merch sales, jacket pick up, flowers and candy for sale – we will need volunteers for these tables, we hope to get a chorus parent to cover the concert band table and then a band parent to cover the orchestra table, etc, so all parents can see their own kids perform without having to close down the table
- 1st concert is MS Choir Concert on 11/29 at the 9th grade center
- MS and HS Orchestra – 12/6, HS Choral concert – 12/9, MS and HS band – 12/13
- End of season party is set for December 2, same format as last year, food donations from parents, both volunteers and students are welcome
- There won't be a meeting on 12/13 due to the winter concert, December's meeting will be held on Monday 12/12, there will be no fundraiser meeting for that night, Lauren Chycota will cover the fundraiser information during the general meeting as Scott is not available to attend on a Monday

Old Business

- Montgomery County Honors String Orchestra – had a good turn out, everything went well, did candy grams and ordering of CD's,
- Indoor Percussion – registration deadline to join is Nov 22, mainly because Mike Lalli needs a head count to finish processing the cost of the Dayton trip

- Indoor guard – registration deadline is still TBA (likely a December date) – there is still time to sign up, only about 12-14 members so far

Meeting Adjourned