

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 Reports

Seth Jones – High School Band Director

- Indoor ensembles gearing up, registration is different this year at the district's request, emails will be sent out for sign ups
- Jazz band will be very similar as in the past
- Dani Marone and Mike Lalli will manage indoor guard and percussion, they are using band app for communication
- All groups are planning for a normal season
- The competition circuit is not out yet, still awaiting dates and information
- December concerts are 7th through the 12th, for each group, band is 12/14 in the auditorium, 7th and 8th grade separate from 9th through 12th for chorus, currently no restrictions for guests, RCTV will live stream for those who wish to stay home
- Changing concert band attire this year, wearing all black, previous dresses are acceptable
- Orlando communication will start coming from each director moving forward as each has their own plan/schedule, roommate sign ups will be out before Thanksgiving break

Kris Jennings – Middle School Band Director

- The MS marching band is officially over until April, and concert band, jazz band and indoor guard have started
- The MS concert band and jazz band will perform at the Winter Band Concert on Tuesday, December 14th. kids are to wear a white shirt, black pants, and black shoes (all of which they are to get on their own).
- Jazz band members will be able to wear their jazz band uniform (minus the vest for concert band). This year Mrs. Jennings is NOT making the jazz band pay for their uniform...most kids have been fitted for theirs and will be receiving it soon.
- The MS jazz band and one of the HS choral groups will be performing on the main concourse before the Flyers/Rangers game on Wed, April 13th and we'll be selling tickets to the game soon,

Emily McGranahan - Orchestra Director

- The Montgomery County Honors Orchestra students want to say thank you to SFMA for supporting their participation. The students had an

amazing experience under the direction of Dr. Timothy Schwarz from Rowan College. The concert was last Friday, and was a truly amazing concert. This is the first live concert in two years, for more than 1/2 of the 80 student performers. The middle school/high school orchestra concert will be at 7pm in the 10-12 auditorium on December 7th.

Officers Reports

Vice President

- Working to coordinate a meal for Championships at the Hershey Italian Lodge
- Excited for championships and proud of all the students

Treasurer

- Financials are running as they should be at this point
- Mike will not be running again in May, looking for someone to run for the next 2 year seat

Assistant Treasurer

- SPA reminder, what it can be used for and how to generate more
- Everything is in for October, ie: SCRIP and Mattress sale

Secretary

- Candy grams sale for Championships

Committee Reports

Concessions

- Thank you to all volunteers for the season
- welcomes current senior parents to return as volunteers next season
- Reminder that the homestand leaks when it rains, needs repair
- Completing one more inventory, donating some leftovers to food banks

Fundraising

- Pie sale ends 11/12, currently at 250 sold, need to sell more to earn more
- Help requested for 11/23 when pies are delivered, could be 10am
- Luggage tags and ornaments still for sale, tag samples on hand at the meeting for people to see
- Working on Spring trivia night, new location needed, talking with a few places
- Next Saturday 11/20, Waltz golf outing, get the word out
- Emphasize how important it is for us all to share all the fundraisers especially outside of the band family, where else can we advertise?

- Bowling returning soon, details being worked out with new owners of the bowling alley
- New Superfan fundraiser still running, many other bands across the state use this fundraiser, very reputable

Ram Crew/Vehicles

- Generators have been tuned up
- Props are still being touched up, want them perfect for Championships
- Starting to think about indoor percussion props, need drivers for the season

Membership/Data

- 85 members, 4 new

Chaperones

- Out of black socks in the band kit, would like replacements
- Worried about kids having time to eat, can it be handled as a group meal like it has been done in the past? Set up a committee to coordinate meals?

Apparel

- December 4th need help transporting uniforms to the dry cleaners, and again December 10th to pick them back up
- Indoor percussion and guard will need help with uniform/costume alterations in January and February
- General merchandise will be for sale at each of the winter concerts
- General sale will open on-line soon, hopefully with holiday delivery

Old Business

Orlando

- Trying to get valid emails for everyone involved, 50 still don't go through
- Payment #6 is due Jan 31 and is \$328
- Rise in bus costs is causing the trip's total cost to be higher than planned
- Hollywood Studios is hosting awards for the choir
- All waivers need to be submitted
- ID's must be valid, Real ID or Passport, don't wait too long to get one
- Band app will be the primary communication while in Orlando

End of season party

- December 4th at 4pm, will need volunteers to help plan
- Sign Up genius will go out for day of volunteers

October Meeting Minutes

- Approved

New Business

Indoor Season

- Home show for both units, Guard in January, Percussion in early April
- Need a committee to plan and run home shows

Winter concerts

- Merchandise will be for sale at each

SNAP

- Looking for formal wear for prom boutique, men or women, perhaps tuxedo pants and shirts from past concerts
- Big fundraiser for SNAP is "Dancing with the Stars" theme, they need filler acts like musicians or solo guard performers, date is April 30