

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:

- Thank you to Mr. Jones, Mrs. O'dea and Mrs. McGranahan for help with the Orlando trip
- 290 people successfully traveled to and returned from Orlando
- A big thank you to all of the parent chaperones
- 2023 will bring us to Dayton, Ohio with the winter groups
- 2 years from now there will be a big band tip
- goals of the Orlando trip were to let the kids perform on a worldwide stage and try Universal for the first time as an alternative
- Please send your feedback, there has been very little negative comments so far, let us know what we can do better for next time.

Directors Report

Seth Jones – High School Band Director

- Thank you to Dan Johns for the Orlando trip, huge success
- Thank you to the parent chaperones, it was not an easy task
- Every kid had a good time and each learned a lot about themselves
- Band had their concert right after the trip, the Jazzband had a show and both went very well
- Winter Percussion just ended their season - there's been so much change over this year with percussion, already looking to next season
- 4 students at the PMEA all state at the Kalahari resorts, it was a big deal and a huge honor and also a lot of fun
- Many seniors have been awarded scholarships, love when they run to tell me all about it, super proud of all the students
- 2 students are marching with DCI this summer, this is a 1st for SF in a very long time
- Senior parents check your email, plaque info, bio info, SFMA scholarship info all being sent out
- 2022/2023 registration already went out - need to move faster this year, designing and staging the show over the summer

Kris Jennings – Middle School Band Director

- Intercounty concert last Friday at Pottsgrove HS, 1st in person after 2 years, 8- students total
- MS Jazzband performing at the Flyers game on 4/13
- Jazzband district concert is May 2nd

- MS is going to music in the parks at Hershey on May 14th
- My 18th is HS final performance, May 19th is Jazzband final performance
- Memorial Day parade is final performance for marching band

Officers Report

Vice President

- The last few months have been so busy, looking forward to a little break

Treasurer

- Revenue is looking decent, overall happy with where it is
- Expenses are decent, still more to enter, but looking pretty good
- In the process of setting up budget for next year

Assistant Treasurer

- Last day for seniors to withdraw SPA is the last day of June, it can be used for anything music related or can be willed to another student in the program

Secretary

- nothing to report

Committee Reports

Concessions (Colleen not in attendance, Lisa Corey spoke)

- SFMA MAPS show went very well, didn't run out of food and kept the concessions line moving very smoothly

Fundraising

- 4/29 is Trivia Night, please advertise to everyone you know, looking for volunteer, can be students, a SUG is going out soon, 5 businesses have donated raffle baskets for Trivia Night, looking to collect many more
- Gertrude Hawk and Divine Apples haven't provided numbers yet
- June 4th is the yard sale

Scrip

- 145 families are utilizing this program

Ram Crew/Vehicles

- Done with truck rentals for the season, it was alot more expensive than expected, there was extra travel this year too with the new Indoor Winds
- Thank you to everyone who helped build, load, and transport
- During May and June the plan is to: sell the columns or at least break them down; move the items out of the away stands; turn the candy shack into a Ram Crew shack; mule needs to be serviced

Data

- 104 members, up from before

Chaperones (Sam not in attendance, Gwen MacDonell read report)

- I want to thank all the chaperones that went to Orlando.
- Looking for someone to shadow as head chaperone in the fall.
- Clearances take two weeks for approval at the district office. I am not able to contact the office a day or so before an event to push people through. Next season, thinking about setting dates for clearances to be submitted, any thoughts? Updated clearance list is received every Tuesday.

Uniforms

- Marching band uniforms are hanging nicely and ready for Memorial Day parade, moving forward families will dry clean

Attire

- T-shirt store is open until Monday

Old Business

March Meeting Minutes

- approved

Teacher Appreciation day

- SFMA sponsors the Spring teacher appreciation day
- May 3rd at the 9th grade center and the high school
- will need volunteers

Elections

- Nominations are in April
- Nomination committee is Becky Landry, Mike Young, & Scott Houde
- Information will be sent out via email about how to submit nominations
- Need to vote on Vice President and Treasurer
- To be eligible to vote, must be present and must be an SFMA member

Budget Preparations for 2022-23 school year

- Mike Platchek is working on new plan on how to divide the budget among the groups
- With new groups and the numbers of students participating in each group changing, the new plan is to split the money based on a “per student” basis
- Each group will still have an essentials fee but the larger groups will get more of the budget money than the smaller groups

New Business

New Committee Proposal

- Christine Lyons and Laura Simons propose Hospitality Committee

- A way to be sure the music members always get something to eat on show days
- Need to figure out details, no SFMA money, maybe sections potluck or donations from local restaurants and parents
- Should only be 3-5 times
- Aware of the concern that other schools make money from concessions, but also aware that other schools often run out of food before we get there
- Also possible band camp meal opportunity

End of Year Banquet

- Yvonne O'Dea will have plaques made for seniors
- If you would like to volunteer on the planning committee email or text Lisa Corey

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