

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

Chris Jennings – Middle School Band Director

- Continuing to work with students on-line
- A little challenging
- End of year obligations – 7th grade keeping everything and 8th grade returning everything
- Sending out marching band registration for 6th & 7th graders soon
- Possibly have 6th & 7th grade parents get an email from Mrs. Nuneviller some time the last week of May

Seth Jones – High School Band Director

- This week we are holding meetings with kids by section via live video outlining end of this year and planning for beginning of next year.
- Focusing on seniors and getting their things returned.
- Early June seniors will return and pick up items including awards.
- We are working on a video in place of the music department's year end banquet
- Working on organizing return of school instruments back to the school
- July 1st PIAA is expected to make statement/ruling on Fall sports. Until then, school is closed for all activities/practices.
- Sending out emails about how the fall show is coming together
- Information will be sent out as it is available
- August 10th is still set for band camp to begin
- Logistical change for band expenses (shoes, t-shirts, etc.) for the new Fall season. A new "band fee" will be instituted this year to replace random orders/forms. This fee will unify the process and ultimately the marching band and will eliminated multiple payments. This would be one all-inclusive fee to cover all costs for the entire marching band season.
- Making the best of the on-line situation by having the students work together and teach parents or other family members to play instruments and submit videos.
- Senior meeting coming up soon
- Working on doing a video in place of the standard marching band kick off night.

Danielle Marone – High School Color Guard Director

- Coordinating equipment returns
- Need access to the guard closet - Trying to figure out what we can sell and how to get it out of the school.

Emily McGranahan – High School Orchestra Director

- We are hosting Stringfest next year

Officers Report

President

- Obligations being submitted this week
- Program fee – As Mr. Jones discussed this will be a one-time inclusive fee to cover all of the marching band fees for the entire season. This will include payment to cover the costs of gloves, gauntlets, shoes, t-shirts, dot books, etc.

Vice President

- No Report

Treasurer

- Refunds still happening
- Lottery payouts will start in June

Assistant Treasurer

- Graduating seniors need to decide how they want to handle any SPA money in their accounts – Deadline is June 30th
 - They can submit requests for use of existing funds towards any music related expense/equipment
 - They can will it to another current student
 - If nothing is done with the funds they will be put into a scholarship account.

Secretary

- Minutes approved

Committee Reports

Concessions

- Need to figure out what to do with food still in concessions stands

Fundraising

- Thanks for a great job selling lottery tickets. Sold 726 of 1000 tickets available
- On-line band camp survival kit/items will be going on sale in June for delivery in time for band camp
- Wawa sale will begin this summer
- Claire's gourmet sale will also begin late summer
- Lottery calendar sale for November drawings
- Pie Sale for Thanksgiving

- Mattress and Clothing Drive October 4th
- Poinsettia sale in time for holidays
- Electronics sale in time for the holidays

Scrip

- Arranged for safe, contactless delivery of cards

Dinner & Show

- Potentially on a Sunday in December

Vehicles

- No Report

Membership

- 156 members

Chaperones

- Thank you to all the senior parents

Uniforms

- HS No Report
- MS uniforms are in production not sure if they will be done in time for the fall
- Concert dresses – Working on returns. Please make sure dresses are laundered before returned

Old Business

Williamsburg Trip Cancellation

- Choir and Orchestra trip still waiting for refund, expecting it to arrive by mid-June

End of Year Music Banquet

- Compiling a video in place of banquet
- Seniors were asked to submit videos to be included

New Business

Budget Process

- Currently getting numbers from all necessary directors and those with input involved in the process

Elections

- Nomination committee collected nominations from members and verified eligibility based on our by-laws.
- Nominees are...
 - Treasurer
 - Mike Platchek

- Vice President
 - Julia Allen
 - Eric Fretz
- Voting took place via electronic polling on Zoom meeting platform
- Election results as verified by the committee are...
 - Mike Platchek – Treasurer
 - Eric Fretz – Vice President
- Thank you for being part of the process

Planning for next year is underway although there are many uncertainties. We are planning now assuming we will have a “normal” fall but realize it may not be possible with many regulations in place. We will continue to plan and work with the school administrators to support the music programs in any way we can.

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