

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

Danielle Marone – Color Guard Director

- Started indoor zoom meetings last Thursday
- Meeting every Monday & Thursday
- We had 2 guest speakers from AMP last week
- This Monday we did a makeup tutorial
- Other speakers planned. Topics include College band participations, Judges, WGI history, etc.
- Monday, January 4th is our first scheduled in person practice
- We are split into 3 groups
- Theme for the season is “The 4 Seasons”. Each group will do a different season, and all will do Summer together
- Schedule will be posted soon. Practices will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at the 9th grade center
- Not foreseeing many volunteer opportunities for the season.

Seth Jones – High School Band Director

- Update sent via email
 - Sorry I cannot be at the meeting tonight. I am at a meeting for PMEA as we have 10 students auditioning for spots in PMEA District 11 Band this coming weekend. Good skill to them!

Winterguard, Winter Percussion, and Jazz Bands are all starting up their seasons. We are waiting for more guidance from district on what these will look like with the return to Virtual Learning. However, schedules are out and seasons are planned. All three are pursuing “virtual” seasons in which our students will perform on campus and utilize video/recording technology to compete. Winterguard has started meeting on Zoom. Percussion is planning for a Late December start. Jazz Bands will be starting in January.

If you are interested in volunteering with these groups, you must follow the SFASD Protocols. Those of you that volunteered with Marching Band are set to continue. However, if you did not fill out paperwork or volunteer for Marching Band, you must do so before you can begin.

When the students were coming in Hybrid, the HS Band did get a chance to record some video/audio segments. Keep an eye out for a “Virtual December Concert” coming out in the next week.

We are hopeful and planning for the March Concert/Indoor Events that typically occur. However, we will take directives from the district and county upon that time and adjust as needed.

A public thanks to Rie Huntington (SF Class of 2020) whose Senior Eagle Scout Project has been put into use this month. We have a pegboard system of organization for percussion equipment in the 10-12 Band Room.

I hope everyone stays safe and enjoys a wonderful Holiday Season.

Kris Jennings – Middle School Band Director

- Thank you, Jennifer Escarge, for doing pictures and setting up the Smart Music ordering on the website
- Trying to retain as many students for concert band as possible, but seems we are losing many
- Band pictures are being dropped off tomorrow and I will send out a message tomorrow regarding pickup
- First time in 44 years I haven't been playing in or conducting a holiday concert
- I miss the kids like crazy and love working with them any way I can

Officers Report

Vice President

- Nothing to report

Treasurer

- Working with all budget stakeholders to make sure we are on track for spending. We are looking good.
- AMT Pump will be providing a sponsorship again this year.

Assistant Treasurer

- Updating SPAs with recent fundraisers
- Been busy with updating the website with fundraisers

Secretary

- Minutes approved

Committee Reports

Concessions

- Ran on week-by-week basis for football season. Worked well for unique situation
- District asked us to sponsor a teacher breakfast buffet in November, but it was cancelled due to school closure. We will do it in the spring with the booster club.

Fundraising

- Ornament sale waiting for a few more items to come in and we will be in touch via email with delivery instructions
- Winter on Broad is going on now
- Wawa sale will kick off in January
- 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 while doing their holiday shopping. Anyone can use these programs, not just Spring-Ford music families.

SCRIP

- November 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

- Thanks to all volunteers who helped get everything cleaned up for the winter
- Once we know more about the needs of our indoor groups we will be in touch

Uniforms

- Nothing new

Chaperones

- Nothing New

Membership/Data

- Not much to report
- 98 members signed up
- Data is working on fundraiser data from the website

Old Business

Indoor Season

- Covered earlier by Danielle Marone and Seth Jones

New Business

Dinner & a Show Committee

- We want to resurrect this idea and start planning for late Fall of 2021 before winter concerts
- Need volunteers for this committee

Instrument Covers

- Almost done
- All 4 instructors are covered with their 1st round of covers
- Should be done in the next week
- Becki has done a great job managing this project...Thank You!
- We appreciate all those who contributed with sewing, supplies, etc.

Volunteer Descriptions

- We added a volunteer section to the website
- Mike Platchek collected all the necessary information from the exec board and committee chairs to provide information to help others understand what is needed/required to volunteer in the many opportunities available.
- This area of the website is a great place to go to find out what is involved in all of our volunteering opportunities. Many positions need to be filled as we have many senior parent volunteers.
- Thank you to all that contributed and to Tom Sanders for getting all of the information on the website.

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