**SFMA – Meeting Minutes**

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**August Meeting Minutes -** Approved

**Directors’ Reports**

**Mrs. Jennings:**

* Survived preview night
* Home Show day practice is 8:30-11, then report time is 3pm at the 9th grade center, all are required to stay and watch Owen J Roberts perform, then have the option to leave early at 5 or stay
* Homecoming game and parade as always, plus they will be in the two Halloween parades
* OJR competition on October 7, is there a vehicle? There is a small box truck and a driver
* All the uniforms have been handed out, shoes will be handed out on Saturday morning
* 10 students tried out to be drum major, she can only take 2
* Pictures are October 14th with VSN photo
* Jazz band auditions will be the end of October
* Intercounty Band she can take as many kids as will come
* Intercounty Jazz band auditions she will let Mr. Walls know when they are scheduled
* New orchestra director has started lessons this week, there seems like there is a surge in interest since Covid

**Mr. Walls:**

* It’s been a busy couple of weeks for Marching Band
* 1st travel is happening this week, headed to Manheim Township for an away Football game, the bus lists are ready to go
* Home Show is Saturday, it’s a huge project, Lisa Corey has been making sure everything is in order with Cavalcade, the packet has gone out to the other instructors
* The schedule for the season is out and available
* If anyone is not getting the weekly updates, please speak up so you can be on the list
* The practice last weekend was very successful despite the heat, there will be 3 movements ready by the Home Show
* Concert band is getting started, so far doing very well

**Officers’ Reports**

Vice President:

* Alumni Band is leading off the Home Show on Saturday, there are a decent number of people signed up and hoping to get a few more before Saturday, they are playing the National Anthem, Let it Be and Hey Jude

Treasurer

* Budget has been printed out for review, it’s the beginning of the season so no concerns yet
* 1st football game went really well, it was the 1st game using the new card readers, there was a definite increase in sales
* Still taking money in for the essentials fess and lots of money is now going out
* There are still 2 wawa coupons available for purchase if anyone is interested

Assistant Treasurer:

* SPA is all updated through the August Raise Right
* Remember to use your SPA for any of the fees from the beginning of the season

Secretary:

* Home Show Sign up and other SUGs are going out, a new date was added to the Costco pick up one

**Committee Reports**

Chaperones:

* Ready to start traveling, 3 bus bags have been prepped and checked
* There will generally be 6 people plus Chris

Concessions:

* Great first football game
* Looking forward to the Home Show, the 2nd shift still has a lot of slots open in the concession stands, please try and sign up

Fundraising:

* Bruster’s Ice cream fundraiser netted $265
* The Joe Corbi’s pick up is October 16th, will need 5 ppl to help
* Will definitely be doing Linvilla Pies this year
* There are 2 Dine and Donate options coming up, October 25th at California Tortilla and November 15th at Elevation Burger
* Bringing back the Poinsettia sale, details to come
* There will be a vendor/holiday fair in December, a merch table will be there and it will also be the pick up day/time for the Poinsettia sale

Raise Right:

* 28 families ordered 69 cards in August for over $10,000 spent
* Average rebate is 4.33%
* Total for the month, $451 - $271 went to the kids, $159 went to SFMA
* Only one new family signed up

Hospitality:

* Met with Mr. Walls and made a plan for the season
* 4 meals this year, the 1st is Exeter on October 7th, then October 21st is Wilson, then Rutgers and probably something on the day of champs but not sure of what yet
* There is a family donating Chik-fil-A trays for October 7th, not sure how to collect other donations, likely the band app or email, if a family donates a meal they can get a Facebook thank you
* Christine will need help on October 7th as Laura is not available for the meal at SFHS

Membership / Data:

* 48 families are signed up, that is not all of the Marching Band families
* Please remember to sign up, you can’t volunteer if you aren’t a member

Ram Crew / Vehicles:

* Vehicles are all set for Friday
* Definitely need more drivers for the season, don’t want the same people to be doing it all the time
* Looking to do a prop build on Thursday and could use some help
* Need canapies and extension cords for the Home Show, bring them right to the stadium, not the band room, please remember to put your name on everything, bags get separated from tents and then there’s an issue so label everything
* Friday is the 1st travel, still need help, loading at 4 and pulling out by 4:45
* Becky will send the schedule in the band app for moving the band on Saturday at the Home Show

Uniforms & Merch:

* Uniforms are ready for their 1st wear on Friday
* If your kid requires Dinkles and didn’t get them with the 1st order, another order is coming in on Wednesday, Becki will put your name on the box and leave it on the counter near the sink in the band room
* MS will get their shoes at practice on Saturday morning
* Still waiting to close the sale on the show shirt, need an updated email and another push out
* SF merch will be available for sale at the Home Show
* Spirit shop order will be available the week before Homecoming
* Brynn Lange is the new merch organizer, met the new vendor, they are local so deliveries are easier and faster, they will also manage the entire sale of the coats and holiday merch
* Holiday spirit wear sale will have delivery in time for Christmas

**New Business**

Volunteer Info:

* Already discussed

Calendar Download:

* You can integrate the fundraiser calendar onto your phone calendar, hit the plus button at the bottom of the page, this allows you to get notices and alerts when things are due

Bands of America:

* SUGS have already gone out, trying to figure out how many passes we get for free and how many we will need to buy, will need to know how many people are going by 9/22,
* We get 25 passes, we can buy more but they are extremely expensive
* There are only 6 staff passes so that’s 31 total, we are only allowed to buy 10 extra so that will total 41 people
* Will get together with Ram Crew and Hospitality to figure out who is on the field

**Old Business**

Home Show:

* Again the Home Show is this Saturday, information has gone out to everyone who needs to know, there are still spots open for some positions so please sign up to volunteer if you have clearances, One of the band parents put it on an app for the students to sign up, we have been getting people signing up to be runners, etc.
* Concessions volunteers should have full clearances if we are going to let students sign up to work the booth, another option is to assign a concessions captain who has full clearances and if there is an emergency with the student, that person can assist
* Ram Crew is aware that many of the people signed up to move the band are also volunteering in other positions, they have the schedule and know who can be where and when, you will know if you can leave your assignment or not

Trailer Update:

* Still looking through quotes, hoping to make a decision soon, so we can have the tailer by the start of the winter groups

Storage Update:

* The property committee presentation will happen to discuss why we need it, etc
* Some time in September they are moving forward with renting temporary shipping containers to be placed between the band room door and the auditorium door

Membership Questions:

* Will the escaped convict on the loose affect the Home Show?
	+ It could, hoping he is caught before then, there is a contingency plan to move indoors if we have to, there is always a plan in case of dangerous weather so we will follow that plan
	+ Have been in communication with Mr. Wall, Mr. Jones and the campus police, no answers yet but is being discussed
* How many bands are we expecting?
	+ 14 bands total including Alumni and SF high school and middle school