

SFMA Meeting Minutes

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February Meeting Minutes Approval – Approved

Officers' Reports

Vice President, Lauren Chychota:

- Salsa sale is up and running. \$8 a jar and \$4 goes to SFMA to split 60/40 with the student SPA account
- A proposal form for fundraising events has been drafted. It has specific questions to generate all of the details needed for a successful event. For example, who needs to know, what dates, is it SPA eligible, etc. It will help whoever signs up to coordinate the fundraiser to know all the basic facts and manage it moving forward. It could also help future fundraising volunteers in remembering exactly what was done in the past and what was successful and worth repeating

Treasurer, Sissy Morelock: (not in attendance, read by Secretary)

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Assistant Treasurer, Dawn Svendsen: (not in attendance, read by Secretary)

- SPA is updated through the February Raise Right
 - Lisa: I know we don't have the budget here but I can say we looked at it at the executive meeting and it is looking really good. Fundraising in good and Dayton payments are good.

Secretary, Gwen MacDonell:

- No report

Directors' Reports

Ms. Eddowes-Keirnan, MS Color Guard Director

- Middle school guard is doing really well, judges love the show just need to clean it up a bit
- Definitely find it best to frontload the season with more practices and then back off and have less. It has helped to get the show finished earlier and the kids are more comfortable with it
- We do have an injury so now we are going out with 7 kids but still winning
 - Lauren: You are 7 points ahead from last year
 - Gwen: There has been traction on the 5/6 grade Facebook pages, moms are asking for a meeting date to learn more about guard, whether it be clinics or cadet guard

Committee Reports

Chaperones, Chris Chychota:

- Thank you to everyone who has been helping with guard and percussion and jazz band
- If you need anything for your bags just let me know, especially guard before leaving for Dayton

Concessions, Carrie Rutkowski:

- Musical concession sales was very successful. Raised a little over \$1600
- The Strings Jamboree needs a SUG
 - Lisa: We will sell merch, light snacks, flowers and candy

Membership / Data, Dawn Svendson: (not in attendance, read by Secretary)

- No new members
- Data continues to be its awesome self

Merchandise, Brynn Lange:

- Indoor show items are completed and should be available for distribution this Saturday so everyone has them for their shows this weekend
- Music in the parks, we are still excepting orders through 3/15

Raise Right, Lauren Chychota:

- 175 families signed up as of 3/6/25
 - 105 active families with online payments enabled
 - 15 families purchased \$5,744.16 in gift cards
 - Net rebate to SFMA was \$306.70 for an average rebate of 5.34%
 - The 60% share to student SPAs was \$184.01
 - The 40% share to SFMA was \$122.69 was reduced by \$22.00 for shipping for a net return of \$100.69
- Emails have been sent to all Raise Right member to order gift cards for trips, most venues are cashless, you need to order by the 15th to get them in time

Ram Crew, Tom Kuch:

- We have been busy every week
- A lot of things have been worked on and I appreciate everyone who comes out
- The trailers are packed, the truck is packed

Sponsorships, Erika Nelson:

- No updates on sponsorships
- Getting gift baskets together for raffle at bag bingo and trivia night
- Anyone have anything they would like to donate?

Uniforms, Becki Fretz:

- We are over the half way mark with numbering the new uniforms
- We really need to get rid of the old ones because we are running out of room
 - Lisa: I reached out to Dr. Collier, he answered we could do what we want but he wants to double check with the district accountants. I talked to Mr. Jones about selling on FB Marketplace.

Vehicles, Karl Weber:

- Both color guard groups have been renting trucks each week. The high school has outgrown the small truck so will be getting a bigger one this week
- We are having issues with district vehicle, I am working to make sure we get a good working vehicle for each event

Rams Dining Crew, Laura Simon:

- Working with both groups who are going to Dayton for their meal needs

Ways and Means, Scott Houde: (not in attendance, read by Lauren Chycota)

- March Madness bracket fundraiser starts on Sunday
- Captain Chucky's is on now
- The trivia date has been set for May 2nd, it could also be the percussion banquet date
- Trivia will be held in the same location as Bingo, the Royersford Fire company banquet hall
- Bag Bingo tickets are almost sold out which is amazing, the date for that event is 3/28
- Flower sale is opening the end of the month and pick up will be the Thursday before Mother's Day
- Fundraiser coordinators are needed. If anyone wants to help with just one fundraiser it would be a huge help
- We also need a Ways and Means Co-Chair
 - Gwen: is the bundt cake fundraiser happening? Lauren: I don't know, I think only if someone is willing to be the coordinator

New Business

- Percussion Home Show:
 - If you want to sign up early for your slot please stop and see Gwen before leaving tonight so you can be added before it is sent out
 - A committee is being put together
 - The only new thing to this year is we will be using classrooms for the groups, there were complaints about having to stage in the auditorium
 - We are looking at an 11am start time but that will give us an earlier end time
 - There will be 2 separate shows, like we did with the guard home show, and there aren't any I&Es this year
 - The only change to set up is no carpet squares. The groups complained about them affecting the sound quality so we are going to use old show floors to cover the gym
 - Carrie: How many units? Lisa: 33
 - The middle school percussion has put together a little something to perform. It makes sense because there are so many of them
- April Meeting:
 - Would like to propose that the April 8th meeting be moved to Monday April 7th since the percussion group has bag check and truck loading to leave for Dayton the next day

Old Business

- Dayton Trip:
 - Mostly already discussed
 - There's another Zoom meeting tomorrow night for some guard parents about meal planning
- Carrie: has the end of the year banquet been scheduled yet? Lisa: Mr. Walls and Mrs. McGranahan schedule that so if there is a date it should be on the district calendar

- April 1st we will open nominations for the May elections. Keep an eye out for those emails.
- Would anyone like to be the nomination committee? Tom Kuch, Scott Houde, Matt Cerchio volunteer
- Laura: The banquet is on May 30th it looks like

Meeting Adjourned