

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.

September meeting minutes approval

Directors Report

Seth Jones – High School Band Director (not in attendance, read by Secretary)

- Thank you to Sam Reina and the chaperones for their support this season thus far
- Thank you to Becky Fretz and the uniform team for their support
- Thank you to Becky Landry and the Ram Crew for their support
- Thank you to Christine Lyons and Laura Simon and the Hospitality Team for their support
- This Saturday at 3pm in the stadium – we will invite friends and family to watch our final run
- throughs. We will be teaching parents how and when to cheer
- There is a Winter Guard informational meeting tomorrow night at 7pm
- If you are considering Winter Percussion – please remember that WGI Championships is a multi-
- day trip and will be a significant cost. All students that are participating are needed to attend. If
- planning on doing the group, you should start financially planning now.
- Our BOA NJ performance time is around 3pm – so a shorter day than the last one likely
- We should have a complete show in the field for the first time this coming Friday
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Kris Jennings – Middle School Band Director (not in attendance, read by Secretary)

- The Middle School marching unit performed at our home show and the Owen J Roberts show on
- October 1 st . Both performances were fantastic.
- A big thank you to the chaperones who helped with both events
- This Saturday, October 15 th VSN Photography will be taking out group picture as well as
- individual pictures. The link to pre-order online is found on the MS band webpage. A few of our

- members are unable to be there this Saturday, so if there is someone who would be willing to
- arrange a time with Mrs. Jennings to take a group photo of the band sometime during
- Homecoming, at least those who miss the photo shoot this weekend will have an opportunity to
- get a picture of their child with this group.
- Our final Saturday event will be Homecoming on October 22 nd . The MS marching unit will be
- marching in the parade, and at this point I believe we will be performing pre-game (as in past
- years). We plan on sitting in the stands with the HS band during the game and will watch the HS
- performance post-game before being dismissed to go home.
- Our marching season ends with the two Halloween parades that Monday and Tuesday night.
- There will be information meetings held next week during homeroom for students interested in
- middles school Jazz Band. More information will be posted on the MS band webpage later this
- week.
- Concert band lessons and rehearsals will begin the 1 st week of November. And finally, Inter
- County jazz band auditions will be held at Arcola Middle School on Wednesday, Nov 9 th . Any 7 th ,
- 8 th or 9 th grade musicians interested in trying out should contact Mrs. Jennings for more info and
- audition music.
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Officers Report

Vice President

- No Report

Treasurer

- Review of the budget.
- Indoor/Outdoor show numbers seem to be on track since indoor show hasn't even happened yet
- Outdoor home show did \$12,000 in ticket sales, \$4,000 in concessions, Overall income from this event was \$6,000 and that is about the same as last year even though there were fewer bands involved.

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

- The SPA's have been updated with the points earned by Raise Right and the Home Show ad book
- Amounts from the mattress sale are not in yet

Secretary

- Sign Up Genius' went out for the Costco run and for Concessions. Not a lot of people signed up as of yet.
- *Several members said they did not receive the email, secretary to re-send and double check the member lists

Committee Reports

Concessions

- No Report

Fundraising

- Thank you to everyone who helped or donated to the clothing drive
- Volunteers are needed for the Joe Corbi pick up on 10/19
- Dine and Donate at PJ Whelihan's is also on 10/19. Need to bring the flyer to get the credit. Take out is also eligible.
- Linvilla Pie sale is going live on the website in the next 48 hours or so. Be on the look out for that. Pie prices have increased but it shouldn't affect the amount of pies sold.
- SFMA is planning a vendor/craft sale for December 11 th from 9-1 in the 10/12 cafeteria

Raise Right:

- August was the highest grossing month thus far
- September was the lowest grossing month, not sure why
- 2 new families have signed up since the last meeting.
- Email is to go out about the Raise Right specials and "Scripsgiving"
- Raise Right has increased the shipping cost for the physical cards. This is taking a bite out of the SFMA earnings. We are losing out on \$42 a month. It is a flat fee to ship no matter how many cards were ordered. Changing the policy to only ordering physical cards twice a month, on the 15 th and 30th of each month. This will get us \$250 each year back into the budget.

Data

- Membership is at 68, which is up 7 from last time
- Nothing new to report regarding data

Ram Crew/Vehicles

- A lot of changes have been happening. Don't know from day to day what will be needed or what to expect
- Always looking to get volunteers to sit behind the screens on windy days so they don't move or blow over
- Doing good with props. Everything is finished
- Looking to decorate the trailer for the homecoming parade and would like a theme with costumes. Thinking maybe Christmas?
- Mike Lalli is already talking props for indoor percussion
- Color guard will have fewer props and be easier since Dani Marone wants to take only one bus to the WGI in Dayton and will not have a truck/trailer

- The old candy shack was fixed up by an Eagle Scout. A shelf was added and a work table. This allows more stuff to be removed from the Away stands.

Chaperones

- Thank you to everyone who helped last Saturday at BOA
- Sam will not be at the football game on 10/14, Chris Chyota will be in charge
- There is an 8th grade parent getting more involved with chaperoning so that's good
- Looking for additional chaperone for Homecoming
- Also need more chaperones for Conestoga and Hershey competitions

Uniforms/Attire

- Team just wrapped up hemming all of the pants for color guard
- $\frac{3}{4}$ of the pants needed to be hemmed so it was a big job
- ALL of the guard pants needed buttons sewed on for the suspenders
- Mr. Jones was supposed to ask parents to wash the black show costumes and he forgot so now we are looking for parents to volunteer to wash them
- The show shirt artwork was finalized on Friday, hoping to have the shirts in before Rutgers
- The jacket delivery is still on track for the first Tuesday in December so they will be at all the concerts for pick up
- There will be one more sale from Something Personal for holiday gifts

Hospitality:

- 2 meals completed so far, both went really great
- This weekend the 1st one on the road
- Thank you to everyone who has helped out
- The kids were super nice and polite about everything, it was just so nice to see
- It is costing about \$850 per meal, looking to get more donations for the next meal, remember this isn't just junk food, this is healthier and more well balanced, hoping people see the value in their donation and that stadium food would cost more and be less healthy and with less quality
- Conestoga might be a potluck and have each section of the band bring a different part of the meal

New Business

- Homecoming is 10/22 – no details yet
- Royersford and Spring City Halloween parades are on 10/24 and 10/25
- Question came up from a parent, why won't the football team stay to watch the band perform at Homecoming? Many parents were upset. Someone took a video at Perkiomen Valley Homecoming of their football team standing on the track and supporting the band. President, Lisa Corey said that there is nothing she can do. The football coach said that he can not mandate that they stay and that many of them want to go and get ready for the dance. A parent stated that they all need to make their

voices heard somehow. Lisa stated that if it was something that Mr. Jones could fix, he would.

Old Business

- Montgomery County Honors Orchestra: no new changes. It is being held on November 4th, Sign Up Genius will go out through Mrs. McGranahan to get help through her own parents, no cost to the SFMA we will act as just a pass-through of the funds
- Home show feedback: have only heard from one person, would love more feedback both negative and positive
- Essentials fees: almost everyone has paid up so that's good. In a better place with that than we were last year.
- Dayton Trips: one of the busses has been paid for, Mike Lalli wants a final head count in November so he can have a better idea of the cost of his trip then. Dani Marone won't have a head count or a cost until December. Looking for a nurse to go on both trips, get to go for free, can't get the school nurse to go.

Meeting Adjourned