**SFMA Meeting Minutes**

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**January Meeting Minutes Approval**

**Directors’ Reports**

Mrs. Jennings:

* Middle School Jazz at Penndale on Friday, Indian Crest on 3/1 and Arcola on 3/15
* District Jazz concert if in April
* Playing at the Victory Park opening day ceremonies on 5/4
* Still collecting the payments for the Music in the Parks trip on 5/11
* Middle School Guard had to cancel going to the competition last weekend due to the snow. There was a miscommunication with facilities.

Mr. Walls:

* Sent out an email to all music parents about the Zeswitz Music Day at the 9th grade building on 3/2, it is also the day of the High School musical. Last year 30-40 students came out and got professional development with composers and clinicians from across the tri-county.
* The Spring Band concert is a month away on 3/20
* WCU performance is next week Thursday-Sunday, interesting for “band nerds”
* 6 Spring-Ford students have advanced to the regional band or choir, they could be going to Eerie, PA, working on maybe sharing a charter bus with North Penn
* Regional Band is this week, students will be out of school Thursday and Friday
* Indoor Percussion and Color Guard are underway, we had a very successful Color Guard event, rave reviews are still coming in
* Music in the Parks Hershey trip for the band and orchestra is tentative and could be in May
* The Jazz Band calendar has 3 trips posted, the one on 3/5 may not happen, we were on the wait list
* Looking at local nursing homes to take the jazz band to give back to the community
* 3/15 both groups are going to Daniel Boone, it will take 2 busses and a van, will need chaperones and someone to drive the van, Est. departure is 4pm
* Get Jazzed is at the Doubletree Hotel in Reading, cool venue and event on 4/10 – this is not a school day, just the Gold Jazz Band will attend, need 1 bus and the trailer.
* Spring-Ford Marching Band is moving to US bands this Fall, switching because that’s where the real competition is - Upper Moreland – North Penn – Unionville etc. Also hoping to get better judge commentary, Cavalcade uses the same judges every week so they are never seeing it with fresh eyes, with US bands there are different judges each week
* BOA at Rutgers is happening, it has been booked
* Concept for next year’s Marching Band theme is still in the works, met with an arranger about possibly purchasing and adapting a show

**Officers’ Reports**

Vice President, Eric Fretz:

* Got contract signed for Trivia Night, more info from Scott during the Fundraising portion of the meeting

Treasurer, Heather Yonosh:

* The budget looks good
* Fundraising is still a little light, there are a couple more fundraisers happening this year
* Still working on Dayton parent payments.

Assistant Treasurer, Dawn Svendsen:

* SPA is updated through the January Raise Right and the Super Bowl squares
* Wawa will be in soon
* Still waiting to hear about the Thirty-One sale

Secretary, Gwen MacDonell: Nothing to report at this time

**Committee Reports**

Chaperones, Chris Chycota:

* Things going well, will still need a few more people later on
* Have 4 people this weekend which is good because we are in a different state
* Need a SUG for Jazz Band to send to the Jazz Band parents

Concessions, Carrie Rutkowski – No report

Fundraising, Scott Houde:

* Wawa earned $650 which is down by over $1000 from the summer sale, this is normal
* Bag Bingo is coming up this Friday, need some grown-ups to help with money, students filled up all the volunteer slots, Gwen will send out an “adults only” SUG
* March 12-16 is the Dine and Donate at The Captain’s Market (formerly Captain Chucky’s)
* March 14 is the Soul Joel’s Dine and Donate and comedy night, comedian name has not been posted yet, ticket sales are going slow so please spread the word
* Salsa fundraiser will be out soon, the delivery date will be in tile for Cinco de Mayo

Hospitality, Laura Simon/Christine Lyons:

* Helping with food for Indoor Percussion in Connecticut, found a mall and will let the kids eat at the food court, bring food and money for other concessions
* Anyone want to help with Hospitality next year? Christine is stepping down as her son is graduating

Membership / Data:

* 3 new families have signed up
* Data is chugging along

Merchandise, Brynn Lange/Kate Palladino

* Working with Middle School for Hershey trip shirts
* Indoor Guard show shirt is in progress
* Indoor Percussion is not having a show shirt this year, can buy the jersey instead
* Continuing to phase out the navy and work into the light weight, heathered version of shirts

Raise Right, Lauren Chycota: (not in attendance, ready by Chris Chycota)

* Cards aren’t in yet, if you ordered physical cards, they are coming soon
* 14 families purchased $6345 which gave the kids $177.49 and the SFMA $107.82 with the average rebate being 4.67

Vehicles, Becky Landry:

* Both guards are good
* Wasn’t aware that the Middle School didn’t go out last week
* Percussion trucks have been out
* Big push for drivers for Dayton, we need 6 and we have 3
* New trailer is in, picked up on Friday, parked at the stadium, using it for Connecticut on Saturday
* Ram crew is at the school almost every other night working on props, still need to get the Middle School props started, the bridge continues to need repair
* Plan is to set up time to train people to drive the new trailer, maybe at one of the percussion shows when both are going out
* Mr Walls will set up an opportunity for parents to try and drive the van/trailer before the outdoor season begins
* New trailer is still white, just so busy with percussion and don’t want to rush the design, will address in the Spring

Uniforms, Becky Fretz: Nothing to report at this time

**New Business**

* Musical:
	+ SFMA is offering light concessions, Friday night, Saturday day and Saturday night, pretzels – water – candy, SNAP is offering candy grams so we won’t have those, the 2 evening shows have sold 600 tickets so sales could be busy, afternoon show has around 400 people
* Winter Percussion Show:
	+ April 6th, no information yet, no big changes from last year, 35 units have signed up so far
* Dayton:
	+ Parent interest form went out, need to know if you are going or not going, form is also on the percussion app

**Old Business**

* Indoor night: on 3/18, possible fundraiser before hand, looking into ordering sandwiches so families can have dinner together beforehand.
* Strings Jamboree:
	+ On school calendar for 4/4 but is actually 3/22, will sell candy grams and merch, SUG will go out for volunteers
* Faculty Recital:
	+ New date is April 12th, nice time of the year to have it, might move it to this time permanently, will see how it goes, need pretzels and water and ticket sales volunteers, SUG will go out, ticket sales will be at the door only
* Reading Buccs:
	+ Still haven’t spoken to Dani, won’t need any volunteers, trying to get student groups to perform as well