

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.

Dan Johns, President opened up the meeting with a moment of silence for the SF student who passed away yesterday.

Then he discussed the football game last week and all that transpired. Lots of changes transpired in a quick amount of time. We went from no one being allowed to attend to 4 spectators for each participant to marching band not performing and having to quickly shift to perform earlier. It is important that we continue to follow the rules, even though others do not. Those actions are all seen, and our integrity is noticed and appreciated. He also expressed his thanks to Tom DiBello for his apology about what happened regarding the football game at the school board meeting last night.

Directors Report

Seth Jones – High School Band Director

- Not much to update now that marching band is winding down
- Extra curriculums are approved
- WGI cancelled all in person events
- PMEA cancelled all in person events
- Cavalcade (Jazz Band) cancelled all in person events
- Still figuring out what concerts may look like hoping to have more info by the next meeting
- All indoor groups should be running in some capacity not sure of travel, etc.
- Weekly messages will be starting to ramp up fundraising talk and encourage kids to fundraise for bigger trips like Disney
- Last football game we are going to do a special, super fun, “Thriller” themed halftime show. Kids will be in creepy costumes
- Senior night is also a virtual Cavalcade competition.
- If football keeps winning, we may end up hosting a home game and will be performing
- For spectators, there will now be a special google forms. Make sure you fill in the forms completely so if anything happens you will receive timely communications.

Kris Jennings – Middle School Band Director

- New MS marching band uniforms are all in!
- All other performances are cancelled
- Thanks to the MS uniform committee for sizing and distributing the new uniforms
- Thanks to the district for allowing us to donate the old uniforms to the SFMA clothing drive
- When HS gets new uniforms be sure to get great hat boxes. The ones that come with the new uniforms aren't very good.
- District spent \$80,000 on uniforms but wouldn't spend another \$2,300 on the garment bags to protect their investment.
- Final show still being finalized. Some evening or afternoon after October 31st
- Many events and opportunities have been lost which makes it hard to give the kids a real taste of what a real marching season is really like. We want to get them on board to stick with it into HS.

Emily McGranahan – High School Orchestra Director

- Orchestra started extracurricular today. Super fun!
- Got a new boom mic and camera, it was different but lots of fun.
- Excited to go to Disney and start planning
- Orchestra service project – Operation Shoebox
 - Been doing for the last several years
 - Want to open it up to entire music department
 - Lots of options for donations. Cash - \$9 to ship each box, Items for in the boxes, Notes from students.
 - It would be great for the students to work together to help others outside themselves
- Not sure about concerts

Officers Report

Secretary

- Minutes approved

Vice President

- Clothing drive was lot of work. Very surprised by the number of donations and the amount of help and support. Thank you to all that participated.
- Working on plans for senior night
- Looking forward to the marching band performance this Saturday

Assistant Treasurer

- Updating SPAs with SCRIP & Wawa sales
- If you have questions regarding your SPA email Tom
- Updating Website with Pie fundraiser

Treasurer

- Fundraising has increased due to several fundraisers recently closing
- Concessions not as much as usual but we do have some

Committee Reports

Concessions

- Added hot drinks
- No Dallas Fries or Kona Ice

Fundraising

- Thanks for all the help with Clothing Drive. We had over 12,000lbs
- Boscov's shopping days tomorrow and Thursday
- Soul Joel's Comedy night out with SNAP on September 24 went well.
- Lottery calendar sale for November drawings
 - Great sale for those that don't want to buy something but get a chance to win something.
 - Will run until October 31
 - Drawing in November
- Ad Book – Sale closes this Friday. Order your books now. Still working on design, photos and layout.
- Pie Sale for Thanksgiving is all online. Place your orders
- Poinsettia sale in time for holidays, if possible
- Electronics sale in time for the holidays
- Ornament sale in time for the holidays
- Trivia Night aiming for February
- Another Lottery sale in spring
- Attire sale – will sell winter jackets, etc. in November

Scrip

- Going well
- New app – RaiseRight by Scrip
 - Makes purchasing easier
- Thanks for SCRIPing event September 17th had lots of participation
- Bonus weekends in October
- Use SCRIP gift card for Boscov's friends & family shopping event

Ram Crew/Vehicles

- Thanks for all volunteers for working with us with all the new processes
- Cake is almost done
- Amazing turnout with helping with props and general Ram Crew duties. Thank you!!!

Chaperons

- Thanks to those who help out with the football games

Uniforms

- MB instrumentalists will be wearing traditional uniform for pictures. Most seniors tried on their uniforms, most fit. Need to have others try on.
- 9 show shirts left to hand out. Essentials package has gone well. The process will continue to improve as time goes on.

Data

- 100 members signed up
- 4 sales that we are currently watching/handling the data
- Working on refining the process

Old Business

Volunteer Process

- Similar process will be used for indoor season
- Much tighter process than what we have grown accustomed to. We usually have 150+ volunteers each year, but not able to do that this year.

New Business

By-Law Changes

- Membership Committees
 - See attached proposed changes

Committees

- Need succession planning & people to step up into leadership roles
- We have 43 seniors, which means many volunteers will be leaving us
- Lots of opportunities to get involved
- We would like to transition smoothly so if you would like to get more involved let us know soon so we can start working with you now

***We had the pleasure of welcoming a special visitor to our meeting – Henry Jones made a special appearance. We were all very happy to visit with him live, even if he was sleeping. We look forward to many years of watching Henry grow and him working with the SFMA.

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