

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.

Tonight's meeting was run by Vice President, Eric Fretz due to President, Dan Johns being unavailable for the meeting.

Directors Report

Seth Jones – High School Band Director

- Slow month
- Putting together stuff for next year
- Florida trip officially approved by the school. 240 signed up to go so far
- Rolling out next steps for Orlando trip
- Sign up for the Band App. Similar to Remind App but gives us the ability to parse out information specifically to those who need it. Those at home will get different/pertinent information and those on the trip will get necessary information (lost items, images of where to meet, etc.) in a timely manner. Also gives users a chance to do video calls and share photos if needed.
- Marching band uniforms sent out for cleaning. Thank you to Paula Miller and other volunteers for getting this accomplished
- Slowing rolling out marching band info for next year
- June 15 is graduation - band will be performing
- Pep Rally next week – band will be performing
- We have 5 PMEA All State musicians
- March recordings are being mixed now. Start looking for those to be released soon.
- May 12th jazz band concert at Upper Providence Music Pavilion
- May 22nd concert in McNelly Stadium. Chorus, Band and Orchestra will be performing. Really big fun day. All groups (7th-12th) working together. First concert since December 2019

Kris Jennings – Middle School Band Director

- Middle School Colorguard is doing well and planning one in person performance in New Jersey
- Cadet guard kicked off today. Still time to sign up
- 5 ensembles have been rehearsing
- 1st outdoor concert band rehearsal. Was different but went well. Many haven't played live with others in over a year.
- Jazz band performed in a virtual competition

- Orchestra practicing with 1 grade at a time
- Will continue to try practicing outdoors some more.

Danielle Marone – Colorguard Director (update given by Lisa Corey)

- Cadet guard kicked off today with 21 students
- High School Winter guard has 2 more Saturday practices
- Working to put together a senior recognition night with video of performances
- Trying to put together a time for parents to watch in person as well

Emily McGranahan – High School Orchestra Director

- Planning for May 22 concert
- Super excited for the event. Happy to finally get to perform for everyone.

Officers Report

Vice President

- Nothing to report

Treasurer

- Budget review
- Lots of Orlando payments coming in
- Budget planning – Starting to gather budget requests from all stakeholders to put together 21/22 budget
- Fire Donations
 - Thank you to everyone who donated. The family was extremely grateful for the overwhelming support given to them during this difficult time.

Assistant Treasurer

- Updating SPAs with SCRIP
- Seniors start using your SPAs or think about how you want to use them towards your music expenses.
- Website redesign is live, please review and send any comments or errors

Secretary

- Minutes approved

Committee Reports

Concessions

- Getting ready for May 22nd event

Fundraising

- Lottery Sale going on now until the end of April. Drawing all month of May. We will be doing some in person sales, keep an eye out for details.
- Trivia Night will be May 20th at Soul Joel's.
- Cornhole tournament May 1st – sign up
- Selling ticket books for the Reading Phils. Sale will ending soon
- Remember to remind people to use SCRIP and Amazon Smile. Anyone can use these programs, not just Spring-Ford music families.
- Wawa sale is going on now until the end of April
- Bruster's Ice cream dine out in the works for June
- We could use more help with all of the fundraisers, anyone interested in helping please reach out and let us know. We also need a new fundraising chair.

SCRIP

- Need to get back up on website
- App makes it super easy
- Contact Kim Staquet to sign up or with any questions

Ram Crew/Vehicles

- Been busy with winter guard
- Looking at dismantling old props and possibly repurposing

Uniforms

- Last week sent 126 uniforms to cleaners. Picking up this weekend. Will need help on Saturday putting them away and organizing.

Chaperones

- Nothing to Report

Membership/Data

- Must be a member to vote, so please make sure you are registered.
- 103 members

Old Business

2022 High School Music Trip

- Received board approval.
- We will be flying to Orlando
- Will be staying at a Universal studio's property

New Business

Nominations

- Reviewed the nomination document and procedures
- Jennifer Escarge and Beckie Landry volunteered for the nomination committee

Budget Process

- Reviewed by Mike Platchek during Treasurer report

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