**SFMA Meeting Minutes**

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**March Meeting Minutes Approval**

**Directors’ Reports**

Mrs. Jennings:

* Jazz Band season is over except for the district performance on 4/24
* Concert Band is still playing at opening day at Victory Park on 5/4 11:30-12
* There are still a few outstanding payments for the trip to Hershey
* We are ok financially for the trip, outstanding bills are the nurse and the fuel surcharge
* Spring concert is 5/15
* Faculty recital is this Friday, is always a lot of fun, you should all come out to watch
* The district is in the 3rd round of interviews for my position, will be interviewing for the HS position first. Lisa states: It is also in the 3rd round of interviews. They should have a choice by the end of April
* It’s almost time for uniform collection, Brynn has been helping with that

**Officers’ Reports**

Vice President, Eric Fretz: No report

Treasurer, Heather Yonosh:

* The budget is doing very well on concessions
* There was a mistake uncovered so now fundraising is also doing very well
* MAPS ticket sales were lower than the year before but concessions and candy grams were up
* Wrapping up the HS and MS Hershey trip bills
* Still working out the money for Dayton – how much can we spend on food?
* When I am no longer treasurer in June, SFMA will no longer accept Venmo, it really isn’t made for an organization like ours, it is a personal account attached to Heather’s name. Paypal is easier and works with all of our record keeping systems also has the same fees as Venmo, Credit card also still an option

Assistant Treasurer, Dawn Svendsen:

* SPA is updated through the March 2024 RaisRight, Wawa Sale and Salsa Sale
* Question: Can points be used for Dayton? Answer: Not for parents but for kids, Heather willing to switch or reimburse if you have already paid

Secretary, Gwen MacDonell: No report

**Committee Reports**

Chaperones, Chris Chycota:

* Everything good
* Sissy and Carrie are with the Jazz Band
* Just have to plan Dayton

Fundraising, Scott Houde:

* Plant sale is going on now, numbers are lighter than last year
* Finished our salsa sale and earned $556 – very successful, $222 to SFMA and the rest to the students
* The comedy night was very light, only 8 people showed up, is it worth doing again?
* Captain’s Market earned us $150, I thought it would be more since it was over lent, will try this one again next year
* Trivia night is May 3rd, need help with set up and 3 people to run things during the event at the Royersford Fire Department, there will be themed teams, come dresses and there will be a prize for best dressed

Hospitality, Laura Simon/Christine Lyons:

* Ready to help in Dayton
* Going with the guard this weekend and will scout out places to eat and food options at the venue
* Christine’s last year.. anyone want to help Laura next year?

Membership / Data:

* 4 new members
* Lisa Corey: Elections are next month, need to be a member to vote, we will be checking

Merchandise, Brynn Lange/Kate Palladino

* Pulled together an indoor percussion show shirt, sale ends tomorrow 4/9, all purchases are optional
* Kate and I are working with directors for Hershey trip shirts
* Looking ahead to fall merchandise needs
* Question: Percussion shirts in by Dayton? Answer: unlikely Question: Is there an extra cost for the Hershey shirt? Answer: No
* Kate is graduating out this year, would anyone like to help Brynn next year?

Raise Right, Lauren Chycota:

* 167 families signed up as of September (no change from last month)
* 106 active families with Online Payments enabled
* 18 families purchased $8,615 in gift cards
* Net rebate to SFMA was $402.41 for an average rebate of 4.67%
* the 60% share to student SPAs was $241.45
* the 40% share to SFMA of $160.96 was reduced by $22.00 for shipping costs, for a net return of $138.96

Vehicles, Becky Landry:

* Good to go, 2 more weekends and everybody is out
* Had to move the trailers to a different spot at the stadium

Ram Crew, Joe Domin:

* Props are holding together and should hold out for 2 more weeks
* Will need a new head of Ram Crew next year.. Matt Cerchio??

Uniforms, Becky Fretz: (Not in attendance, read by Secretary)

* Currently the indoor units are handling their own needs.
* As for the HS marching I have not received any update if/when we are proceeding with new uniforms.  As previously discussed if the board receives an update I would appreciate any information be passed.
* With that in mind I will plan to close out this school year and start next as previous years.
* After the Memorial Day parade I will need assistance taking the uniforms to and from the dry cleaners. If it is ok I will reach out to Deb Sanford at school to confirm they will be paying again.

**New Business**

* Jazz Concert:
  + High school auditorium on 4/24
  + 7pm start
  + just like the others, come and enjoy
* Teacher Appreciation Breakfast:
  + May 7th
  + SUG going out for volunteers, it is an early start time of 6:30am but you are only there for about an hour
  + We will serve both the 9th grade building and the 10/12 building
* Meet the Instrument Night:
  + Teachers send out the Google request for student help
  + All SFMA is needed for is student check in and we feed the volunteers pizza and water
  + SUG will come out for that later in May
* Elections:
  + Board nominations are now open
  + The positions are Treasurer and vice President
  + If you would like to nominate someone please email Scott Houde and Becky Landry who are the nomination committee
  + Nominations are due by May 7th
  + If you would like to vote you must be an SFMA member and be present at the meeting

**Old Business**

* MAPS Percussion show:
  + Thank you to everyone who helped, was really a long day but a huge success, made a lot of new changes but they seemed to have worked out, ni complaints yet
  + Suggestions for next year: split warm up A for larger groups / some schools 9truck drivers) were grumpy about parking
* Faculty Recital
  + Friday night, Mrs. Jennings already talked about it
* Percussion Trip
  + Zoom meeting for Dayton committee tomorrow at 9pm for final schedules
  + Parent Zoom meeting Monday to share all details