

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.

General Announcement - Covid-19

- We will follow the school district policies for cancellations
- At this time String Jamboree, PMEA and String Fest are all cancelled
- We will notify you of other cancellations as we receive them

Directors Report

James Westlake – Director Elementary School Bands

- Presentation of a plaque thanking him for his years of service to our students in honor of his retirement.
- Smartboards are in all elementary schools and has made teaching exciting for the kids
- Spring programming is all set
- April 17 is his official retirement date
- Thank you to SFMA for the efforts, long days, fundraising and continued support of all music K-12. Your support is prenominal!
- Continue to communicate with the lower grade levels and know that they appreciate it even if you don't hear much from them.
- Good luck in the future

Danielle Marone – Color Guard Director

- Cadet guard is doing well and getting ready to perform at indoor night
- Gold won 5th at Regionals which is a huge accomplishment.
- Great feedback and support from South Brunswick. They borrowed our props because they loved them so much and they were very appreciative of our help.
- Blue teams show is done, and they are adding more props.
- As of now, everything is going on as scheduled. If performances are cancelled practice will be scheduled in their place.
- Many big programs have shut down for the season already
- Regional competition next weekend at Lehigh
- No show on April 4th

Kris Jennings – Middle School Band Director

- Middle school colorguard is in Hatboro this weekend and in Boyertown April 4th
- MS band uniforms are in production should be delivered mid-August
- Jazz band February 29th at Boyertown we received outstanding ratings
- March 20th at Arcola and March 21st at Kutztown

Seth Jones – High School Band Director

- We will communicate any changes or cancellations as needed
- Various different factors – host schools may cancel, Spring-Ford may say students can't go or Facility may cancel
- PMEA is cancelled for next Tuesday
- Considering doing Facebook live performances or some way to share all the students hard work and preparation.
- Student teacher from West Chester starting on Monday
- PMEA regional band is in 2 weeks
- More Jazz band shows are coming up. They are all playing very well
- Indoor night in a few weeks
- Getting ready for concerts
- HS students wrote notes to Mr. Westlake for his retirement

Officers Report

Vice President

- No report

Treasurer

- Volunteer descriptions handed out. Please send any additions
- Payments due
 - Indoor guard fee – invoices have gone out
 - Indoor Percussion fee – invoices have gone out
 - Williamsburg trip due March 13th
 - Wildwood due
 - Hershey due
- We have CDs from the concerts for sale for \$10. Can be purchased through SFMA website under the shop & travel tab
- Budget/Reserve fund explanation by Dan Johns
 - If is there for emergencies
 - It gives us wiggle room
- Participation Fees explained by Dan Johns
 - We need to have fees to cover expenses the school does not cover
 - We could fundraise more specifically for these items

- Doing start up Marching Band Fees this fall so all costs are in one lump rather than various smaller charges
 - Socks
 - Shoes
 - Gloves
 - T-Shirt

Assistant Treasurer

- SPAs updated

Secretary

- Approval of February minutes

Committee Reports

Concessions

- Musical sales went great. Need more help next time during intermission

Fundraising

- Rita's cards are in
- Dinner & a show April 26th
- Lottery raffle going strong
- Planning a Soul Joe's Night out in April
- May 16th Clothing Drive & Flea Market

Chaperones

- Need chaperones for blue colorguard

Vehicles

- Nothing to report

Membership

- 154 members for the year

Uniforms

- Lots of work and personal effort done on the indoor groups' uniforms. They look amazing!

Scrip

- Doing great

Dinner & Show

- Working on Donations & Sponsorships

Old Business

Williamsburg Trip (HS Chorus & Orchestra)

- 3rd payment due
- 108 people ready to go

String Fest & String Jamboree

- Both postponed

Hershey Trip (MS Chorus, Band & Orchestra)

- Payments being received

Wildwood (MS Guard)

- Payments being received

MAPS Show (Indoor Percussion Home Show)

- SUGs went out for volunteers and donations

Indoor Night

- All 4 color guards will be performing
- It will be an exciting night

New Business

By-law Updates

- Review by law changes and vote for approval at March meeting

2020 BOA – Lynchburg, VA

- Gauging interest
- 2-night trip
- Depart home Friday late AM, arrive and practice that night, perform Saturday and depart early Sunday AM
- Hoping to have buses subsidized by the district

Board & Volunteer Positions

- Review the position descriptions
- Nominations for Vice President and Treasurer will take place at next meeting
- Remember – It's all for the kids!

The next monthly meeting of SFMA will be Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7:30pm in the band room.