SFMA Meeting Notes
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September Meeting Minutes

Status: Approved

Director Reports

Mr. Yoder – Middle School Marching Band Director

- The season is going well. Students performed well at OJ and represented the program well in the stands.
- Spring-Ford will host Inter-County Band. Jazz auditions will be held November 10 at the 7th Grade Center. Volunteers are needed for the event, providing a great opportunity for students to earn service hours.
- Festival schedule:
    - January 9: All-day rehearsal
    - January 23: Concert
    - Volunteer opportunities will include merchandise and snack sales.
- Uniform collection will take place during Parent-Teacher Conferences. Families can drop off uniforms at that time. This collection will also include Color Guard uniforms.

Mr. Walls – High School Marching Band Director

- The season is going extremely well. Students are excited about recent show success and bringing home a win.
- The band will perform during Homecoming pregame at 1:30 PM. Invitations have been extended to the Superintendent, School Board members, and district administrators.
- The Limerick school visit was a great success. Mr. Walls would like to make this an annual event to increase visibility within the schools, showcase high school music opportunities, and build the recruitment pipeline. Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen.
- PMEA and Dayton have a scheduling conflict. Students will be informed in class which event they will be attending. The program has strong opportunities in both areas and the potential to be highlighted in multiple capacities.
- Additional trunks are needed for Trunk-or-Treat. Families are encouraged to sign up and help make this a great event for the students.

Officer Reports

Vice President – Steven Meyers

- Two T-Mobile mobile hotspots have been obtained for concessions and other events where school Wi-Fi or cell reception may be limited.

Treasurer – Alan Garrett

- Current total revenue is approximately $28,600, with year-to-date revenue at approximately $50,000.
- The association is nearly halfway to its annual budget goal.
- Home Show and concessions revenue are performing well.
- Overall, the association is tracking well against the budget.

Assistant Treasurer – Maria Van Buren

- SPA funds from recent fundraisers have been applied to the appropriate student accounts.
- Current membership stands at 39 members, which is below typical levels for this point in the year (June 1 to present).

Secretary – Brynn Lange

- No report.

Committee Reports

Chaperones – Dave Lesage

- Thank you to everyone who stepped up to chaperone during the football game and Unionville competition this past weekend.
- Please notify Dave if supplies from the bus bags are used so they can be replenished as needed.

Concessions – Angel Jones

- Preparing for Homecoming. Pretzels will be available for pickup at 11:00 AM ahead of the noon parade.
- Exploring the possibility of adding chicken nuggets to the menu.

Membership/Data – Maria Van Buren

- See Assistant Treasurer Report.

Merchandise – Cristina Cerchio / Brynn Lange

- Merchandise will be available for sale at Trunk-or-Treat.
- The Small Women's Rotary will also have a table set up to sell merchandise.

RaiseRight – Lauren Chycota

- No report.

Ram Crew – Henry Lange

- Continued work on adjusting props to fit in the trucks. A more efficient process has been established.
- The Wanamaker tool has been helpful in removing wheels from the props.
- Thank you to everyone who has helped with prop adjustments and transportation logistics.
- Upcoming events include the Homecoming parade and two remaining competitions.

Rams Dining Crew – Sissy Morelock

- Meals have been provided for students twice, including Chick-fil-A on Saturday.
- Planning meals for upcoming competitions:
    - **States:** Performance time is between 3:30–5:00 PM. A possible brunch is being considered.
    - **MetLife:** Performance is between noon and 3:30 PM. Meal timing and location are still being coordinated.

- End-of-Season Band Banquet will be held November 11. Families are welcome to attend; there will be a fee for family members. Catering is planned.

Sponsorships – Erika Nelson

- See Ways and Means Report.

Uniforms – Megan Ritchie

- Wash week is underway. Uniform washing is being divided among volunteers to allow for a quicker turnaround and easier coordination.
- One dress shirt went missing at the Boyertown competition. No updates have been received regarding its return.

Vehicles – Karl Weber

- Transportation arrangements are in place for the remainder of the season, including drivers and rentals.
- Thank you to everyone who has helped with trailer hookups and driving. The group is traveling as a large fleet and appreciates everyone's support.

Ways & Means / Fundraising – Erika Nelson

- **Burgers for a Cause:** 17 items remain available.
- **Music Calendars:** Available through the website and eligible for SPA.
- **Frecon Pies:** Fundraiser is underway. Orders close November 1, with delivery planned for the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.
- **Otts Mums:** Fundraiser has concluded. A successful first year with 111 mums sold.
- **Joe Corbi's:** Pickup scheduled for November 5 at the Away Stands. Total profit was $3,328, a strong result.
- **RaiseRight:** 183 participating families, with $107.74 in earnings reported.
- **Craft Fair:** Scheduled for December 6.
- **Honeygrow Dine & Donate:** Scheduled for October 14. Customers must use the designated code to ensure 20% of their purchase is donated to SFMA.

Inventory / Props

- No report.

New Business

Home Show

- Feedback and opportunities for improvement were discussed:
    - Keeping the Home Stand open can create crowd-control challenges.
    - Consider adding another table at the Candy Gram station.
    - An additional adult volunteer is needed to help manage SignUpGenius (SUG) and volunteer coordination.
    - Avoid pulling volunteers away from Candy Grams during intermission.
- Overall, the Home Show was extremely successful and a significant improvement over previous years.
- Thirteen bands participated, generating approximately $15,000 in proceeds.
- The judge was pleased with the event, and positive feedback was received.
- The association did an excellent job putting its best foot forward. Thank you to everyone whose efforts made the event possible.

Trunk-or-Treat

- Thirteen trunks have signed up so far. Additional participation and candy donations are needed to ensure there is enough for all students.
- A message will be sent to potential sponsors to encourage participation.
- The event was a great success last year and provides an excellent recruitment opportunity for younger students to interact with high school band members.
- Kona Ice is expected to attend.
- Merchandise will also be available for sale.

Halloween Parade

- Plans are underway for a float with a "Monster Mash Marching Band" theme.
- Parent Volunteers are encouraged to bring instruments and Color Guard props to participate. The goal is to have fun and bring home the trophy!

Color Guard – Dayton

- Color Guard may attend Dayton this year. Additional information regarding costs and confirmation of participation is forthcoming.

Old Business

Craft Show

- 154 vendor spaces have been sold, exceeding last year's total.

- Additional volunteers are needed. SignUpGenius opportunities will be available.

