

South Plainfield Boosters of the Musical Arts

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April 15, 2026 🎵 General Meeting Minutes

DIRECTOR REPORTS

- Dr. Kregler
- Mrs. LiVecchi
- Mr. Haughwout

MONTHLY REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report (Scott)
 - Just under \$10K in the account
- Membership (Jessica)
 - 21 families
- Fundraising (Amara)
 - For next year (September 2026) - Rutgers Field Day with the Rutgers Marching Band (specific dates still pending)
 - Super 50/50 (from District Festival thru SPHS Spring Concert)
 - Gift Card incentive for the kids who sell at least 5 tickets
 - Dine Out - Red Robin
 - Kids want a Karaoke Fundraiser (possibly this Spring/Summer)
 - Dine-Out/Jazz Night - Sips & Souls
 - Snap or [Schoolfunder.org](https://www.schoolfunder.org)
 - AKA Apparel Fundraiser
 - Canning (we know our top 5 locations and best time/days)
 - Ice Cream event in town
 - Concessions at the Spring Concert
- Minutes from March 2026 General Meeting

UPCOMING DATES

- 4/17/26 SPMS band/orchestra/chorus performs at Somerset Patriots
- 4/26/26 Indoor Winter Guard Region Championship @ SPHS
- 4/30/26 SPHS Spring Concert
- 5/15/26 - 5/16/26 Canning Weekend
- 5/28/26 Grand Centurion or De Wan or at the school catered TENTATIVE
- 9/19/26 Marching Band Home Show
- 11/7/26 - 11/8/26 ACC, Hershey Park

OLD BUSINESS

- District Festival was a success
- SPHS Drama Club's performance of Wizard of Oz was a success
- BOE volunteer screening requirements for volunteers with "close student contact" was updated this school year
 - Close student contact - Uniform Fittings, Assisting on the field with props, Driving the truck, etc.
 - Not close student contact - Oreo sales, Meals on Wheels, Concession Stands, Pizza Fridays, Ticket Sales, Spiritwear Sales, etc.
 - Waiting for answer on how long the background check/fingerprinting is good for
 - 10 parents will be reimbursed by the district:
 - Background Check
 - Fingerprinting
 - Total \$99.53

NEW BUSINESS

- Elections will take place in May
- Banquet (TENTATIVE)
 - 5-28-26 T&L Catering at SPHS, estimating \$30 per head (possibly free for seniors)
- Scholarships
 - Volunteers to read scholarship applications: Debbie, Michael, Liz, Kristine
 - Applications have been posted on SPHS Music Department Google Classroom
 - Due to directors on April 22nd
- We will be hosting the indoor winter guard region championship competition (color guard and drum lines)
 - Director packet went out today to the other schools
 - Judge Fees
 - Volunteers (not close student contact for most roles)
 - Digital Program / No Ads
 - QR code link to TIA site for schedule
 - Buses drop off on circle side then park at Grant School lot
 - Spectators park in main high school lot
 - 19 schools (7 percussion groups and 12 winter guards)
 - Need all of SPHS, Grant parking lot and SPMS gym and parking lots (Building requests are done)
 - About 8am - 6:30pm (program itself will probably be 11:30am - 6:50pm)

- Starts with percussion
- May need to set-up the day before (start at noon, would need to be done before 3pm)
- Volunteer needs - approximately 40 volunteers
- SPHS Room needs:
 - 1st floor classrooms for schools to get ready
 - Chorus room for volunteers
 - Band room for our guards
 - Staff cafeteria for judges (catered food from Maria's Brunch \$120 check, pick up at 2pm)
 - Both student cafeterias - one for warm-ups and one for concessions
 - Unit check-in table
 - Spectator check-in / ticket sales
 - 2 volunteers at main entrance, 2 volunteers at gym doors
 - Spectator bathrooms
 - Unit bathrooms
 - Outdoor signs for Lake St., Middle School Entrance, Lane Ave.
 - Outdoor signs to cover "Do Not Enter" signs by the Grant School gate
- No air grams
- Candy grams will be sold and given to each school by their student escort as they exit the building
- Indoor set-up on Saturday
- Trophies: medals/banners may all be provided by TIA
- Ambulance & EMS crew on standby at event: SP EMS will be there
- Spectator parking at Grant School (spectators will enter thru main entrance on Lake Street side)
- Requested for gates by bus yard to be open so that spectators can walk thru from the student parking lot to the spectator entrance at the main entrance of the school.
- Judges, buses, and equipment enter from Lake Street and park in SPHS and SPMS parking lots
 - Mats will need the bar removed from between the doors on one set of doors.
- Music Dept requested help from students to act as volunteers to escort teams
- Clean-up: guard members know that they need to stay to help until clean up is over
- Concessions: Bagels, burgers, hot dogs, walking tacos, pizza, pulled pork, baked goods, fried oreos, Boss Hog pulled pork, pulled chicken, Herr's Chips, Saker Shoprite donation? Hopefully we'll be

able to use the grill from Jost, if not the charcoal grills from Boss Hog. Canopies needed for outdoor cooking. Propane tanks for ovens and grills (3 total)

- Warm-ups:
 - Color Guards get 2 warm up spots (movement) A/B cafeteria, (equipment) Auditorium
 - Percussion groups (7) will probably choose to warm up outside but need to be assigned an indoor warm up space also - hallway, library, or auditorium
- Signage needs:
 - (12" x 18" \$0.25 per sign)
 - parking lots
 - Lake St. corner
 - Lane Ave corner
 - classroom signs for each school
 - retreat signs for each school
 - prop entrance
 - team entrance
 - spectator entrance
- Power Supply in gym
- Sound system for music with speakers playing on the floor from behind the guard
- Announcer speakers
 - Jay Buchanan announcing
 - Sophia Miller singing National Anthem

NEXT GENERAL MEETING DATES:

May 14

June 10

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Attendance: Mike Rapelye, Liz Rapelye, Lynn Patzwa, Debbie Boyle, William Haughwout, Nina Roman, Kristine Keefe, Dana Boos, Randy Boos, Jessica Butrico, Scott Miller