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GENERAL MEETING of the FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION Tampa Convention Center - Tampa - January 8, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 9:24 PM by President **Rob Roadman**, who made a brief statement commending everyone who helped make the convention run smoothly. After the introduction of the FBA Officers seated on the dais, the minutes of the July 2003 Board and General Business meetings, and the December 2003 Executive Board meeting were approved as distributed to the membership. Attendance rolls were sent around the room for members to sign.

A big thank you to Jeanne Reynolds of Pinellas County and John Acosta from Hillsborough County in their help in procuring the larger percussion instruments.

President Roadman announced that Mr. Hendon's stepfather had passed away on Tuesday which necessitated his having to miss the Conference and the meeting. He thanked Mr. Jones for substituting. He also asked for a moment of silence for those of our number who had passed away during the year - Randall Kile, Neil Brooks and Charlie Sills.

TREASURERS REPORT (As of January 5, 2004)

FBA Festival Account	\$ 6,748.46
FBA Inc. Account	\$ 66,842.11
FBA Reserve Account(CD)	\$ 33,161.45
FBA Commissioning Acct. (Savings)	\$ 15,932.99
FBA Severance Acct (CD)	\$ 8,512.60
FBA Festival Reserve (CD)	\$ 89,664.75

VOTE FOR 2004-2006 FBA PRESIDENT - ELECT

Introductions were made and Melvin Maxwell spoke on behalf of Jose Lopez, and David Fultz on behalf of Chuck Fulton.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- a. Clinicians - Rick Clary came in later in the meeting
- b. Past-Presidents in attendance: **Phil Wharton, Jack Crew, Lewis Jones, John DeYoung, Cindy Berry, Bobby Adams, Frank Howes, Neil Jenkins.**
- c. New members were asked to stand
- d. 25-year Life Member pins were awarded to the following:
Alonzo Braddon, David Cadle, Roanna Combs, Max Cordell, Gayle Cubberley, Penny Janowski, Tina Laferriere, Ken Norton, Nick Patsis, David Rollins, Paula Thornton, Ivan Wansley, Mike Woodfin.
- e. **5-year plus members were asked to stand**
- f. 10 - year plus members remained standing
- g. 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 - year remained standing
John DeYoung was the last standing - 55 years
- h. FIVE-YEAR SUPERIOR PLAQUES were awarded to Middle School/ Jr. High directors.
Jeffrey Adams, Robert Colon, Steven Harris.
- i. **CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION were given to former District Chairpersons.**

JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL DIRECTORS FORUM: - Reported by **Cathi Leibinger**, JH/MS Rep.

1. WENT OVER JAZZ BAND DIRECTORS POLL FROM 2003 MEETING

Jazz Band directors poll

18 directors responded that they have jazz bands that meet during the school day

- 11 didn't know/didn't specify course code
- 2 - Instrumental Ensemble,
- 1 -varies by grade level,
- 1 - private school with no state coding
- 1 - orchestra
- 2- Instrumental techniques

2. WENT OVER HONOR BAND SELECTION PROCESS SURVEY FROM 2003 MEETING

Honor Band selection process questionnaire results - 79 responses

Postmark

22 wrote that deadline is important and must be met, but no preference be given to an earlier form over a later form.

1 - forms should be put in order of postmark date.

Requiring students to audition for All-State

26 directors thought that students MUST audition for All-State to be considered.

2 directors thought students should NOT be required to audition.

1 director thought students auditioning should not be a determining factor.

Comments:

- if students audition, they should have preference within that school.
- those auditioning should receive priority over others for honor band

General comments:

-There should be a system in place that does not change from year to year.

-Make the form a checklist:

- private lessons/how long
- solo participation/grade of music/rating
- ensemble participation/grade of music/rating
- county/district honor band participation
- chair placement in band
- director's insight

-Concert MPA ratings should be considered, however the dynamics of middle school bands sometimes change drastically from year to year.

-I disagree completely with only considering students who auditioned. We are told that we should not send students who are not prepared for the audition, so I don't. However, I believe that my students should have a chance, just like everyone else.

-Forms that have vague, ambiguous student descriptions should not be considered.

-Schools who have students in the upper level group should not have students in the honor band.

-I think every school should have at least one spot in one of the ensembles. It is very important to the overall band program at each school.

-Considering postmark date, signature, forms filled out properly should be considered - Good way to delete some forms.

-My school music program was hit hard when half my students were pulled out from remedial reading classes. I feel that students in small schools - regardless of past ratings- need an experience like this. None of my students

were picked for the band.

Without experiences like this, students at a small school miss out on opportunities to play in a big band.

-Cut down on the nominations. Instead of 5 maybe 4 or 3.

-Would it be possible to decide on a list of musical requirements that directors could use to audition their own students? Limit number of students by county or district? Perhaps do an audition process?

-Small schools from isolated areas need to be represented, even if only one student is selected. It is a necessary "perk" for the hardest working student in the ensemble.

-I think the current system is great, however I think we should change the nomination form from creative essay to specific benchmark or criteria.

3. Election of new Middle School Representative

Nominations from floor

Ballots - write the name of the person you are voting for

Annette Greive will be the 2004-2006 JH/MS Representative for the Florida Bandmasters Association.

4. Information sheets - please complete

I am completing a comprehensive database with every middle school in the state as well as their participation in All-State process/concerts.

5. Help with Honors Band Rehearsal - sign up for a time

6. Conductor recommendations

Jack Crew 7-8 AS Band

Dr. Ken Ozzello, University of Alabama; Tuscaloosa, AL

Suzi Winter, Pizitz Middle School; Birmingham, AL

7. Good of the Order Announcements

ALSO MET THE CANDIDATES FOR FBA PRESIDENT-ELECT

Called to order at 7:00

Adjourned at 7:06

SENIOR HIGH DIRECTORS FORUM - Reported by **Paula Thornton**, FBA President-elect

The Florida Bandmasters Association

FBA High School Directors Meeting

January 8, 2004

Tampa, FL

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

President Rob Roadman introduced Jose Lopez and Chuck Fulton, the candidates for FBA President-Elect.

The following items were discussed:

Attendance is encouraged at the FMEA 2nd General Session on Friday morning.

Members are encouraged to visit the exhibits and to express appreciation to the exhibitors.

A reminder was issued to encourage parents to visit the advocacy computer bank and to communicate with their legislators regarding the importance of the arts in the school curriculum.

Members were also encouraged to communicate with their administrators to let them know that we do have academic eligibility requirement in place through the FSMA. Be sure to let them know that you are checking grades and holding students accountable.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Thornton
President-Elect
Florida Bandmasters Association

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT CHAIRPERSONS

District 1 - John Gray Weaver	District 11 - Keith Stark
District 2 - Jamie Birdwell	District 12 - David Fultz
District 3 - Chuck Perego	District 13 - Tamyra DiFruscio
District 4 - Gerry Poe	District 14 - Paul Destito
District 5 - Travis Henry	District 15 - Alan O'Farrill
District 6 - Bill Muse	District 16 - Steve Rivero
District 7 - Ken Norton	District 17 - Asa Jernigan
District 8 - Becky Sago	District 18 - Bill Reaney
District 9 - Steven Cantin	District 19 - Allen Venezio
District 10 - Ian Schwindt	

INTRODUCTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS

- a. Adjudication Committee - Bentley Shellahamer
- b. All-State Bands Selection Committee - Chuck Fulton
- c. Clinics Committee - Rob Roadman
- d. Concert Music Committee - Gary Bottomley
- e. Ethics Committee - Joe Luechauer
- f. MPA Committee - Paula Thornton
- g. Finance Committee - Neil Jenkins
- h. Past-Presidents' Council - Neil Jenkins
- i. Professional Resources Committee - Nick DeCarbo
- j. Sight-reading Music Committee - Linda Reaney
- k. Solo & Ensemble Music Committee - Karen Crocco
- l. Benevolence Committee - Da-Laine Chapman
- m. Commissioning Committee - Lee Ponder
- n. Technology - Shawn Barat

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS

- a. Strategic Planning and Vision - Cynthia Berry
- b. Auxiliaries - Linda Boone
- c. Small Schools - Richard Davenport
- d. Jazz Band Committee - Andrew Kidd

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

HALL OF FAME BOARD REPORT - Bobby Adams

2004 Hall of Fame inductees are:

Ernest Hebson, Retired Band Director at Fort Walton Beach High School

John DeYoung, Retired, Past President of FBA and FMEA, and long time Band Director at Bartow High School.

2004 Roll of Distinction inductee is Joe Kreines.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

The following directors have been selected by their fellow teachers as TEACHERS OF THE YEAR at their respective schools:

Jesse Bryant - Kathleen Middle School - Teacher of the Year
Lori Pirzer - Oak View Middle School - Teacher of the Year
Shawn Barat - Winter Haven High School - Teacher of the Year
Ryan Miller - Lake Placid HS - Teacher of the Year
Randy Manzi - McKeel Academy - Teacher of the Year
Joe Hooten - Tate High School - Teacher of the Year
Jeanne Kleckner - Chasco Middle School - Teacher of the Year
Jack Hart - East Ridge High School - Teacher of the Year
J. Douglas Yopp - Clermont Middle School - Teacher of the Year
Stanley Lawson - Umatilla Middle School - Teacher of the Year
Bill Piezer - North Marion High - Rookie Teacher of the Year
Gabriel Fielder - Leesburg High School - Rookie Teacher of the Year
Joseph Hughes - Vanguard High School - Rookie Teacher of the Year
Marianna Flanagan - Colonial High School - National Board Certification
Becky Sego - West Orange High School - National Board Certification
Cleve Maloon - Bak Middle School of the Arts - National Board Certification

Congratulations to Eric Allen and Jonathan Hinkle, Directors of the Sebastian River High School Band for their performance at the Mid-West Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago.

Congratulations to Alex Kaminsky and the Lincoln High School Band for their invitation to perform at the CBDNA/NBA Conference in Atlanta in February 2004.

Congratulations to Daniel "Chip" Wood and Jane Lucas, music teachers at Seminole High School in Pinellas County for being invited and accepting to perform in the January 1, 2005 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade/Rose Bowl in California. The band was also awarded the John Philip Sousa Foundation's Sudler Shield Award for 2004. The Sudler Shield is for outstanding high school marching bands achieving excellence at the international level.

President Roadman introduced the next President-Elect of the FBA - Chuck Fulton, who then imparted a few words of wisdom and thanks.

Bud Roberts sent his regards to all FBA members.

Everyone was encouraged to join the National Band Association (NBA)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09PM.

Respectfully Submitted, F. Lewis Jones, substituting for Duane L. Hendon, Executive Director.