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FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 67th year DISTRICT MEETING #4 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-02)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 15	MEETING DATE: 5-04-03
MEETING NUMBER: 4	MEETING LOCATION: Driftwood Middle School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Chairman O’Farrill called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. A special thank you to the band parents of Driftwood Middle School for the breakfast and for hosting the meeting.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Nottage, Tavares	Apollo MS
McClain, Leonard	Coconut Creek HS
Wright, James	Cooper City HS
Dawson, Brett	Coral Springs HS
Luechauer, Joe	County Music Office
O’Farill, Alan	Cypress Bay HS
Brewer, Larry	Deerfield Beach HS
Morton, Paul	Driftwood MS
Miles, Rick	Flanagan HS
Dorfman, Jay	Flanagan HS
Schletter, Chris	Flanagan HS
Hammond, Jim	Lyons Creek MS
Heston, Curry	McArthur HS
D’mitrenko, Stan	Millennium MS
Weiss, Farryn	Nova MS
Van Landingham, Kim	Olsen MS
Pittman, Russell	Pines MS
Bradford, Richard	Piper HS
Martin, Jimmy	Plantation HS
Lotocky, Walter	Pompano Beach HS
Nista, John	Ramblewood MS
Rubio, Edgar	Silver Trail MS
Friedman, Michael	South Plantation HS
Jenkins, Neil	Taravella HS
Pilato, Nikk	Taravella HS

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

MOTION: Miles/ Martin to accept the previous minutes. PASSED

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Chairman O'Farrill reviewed the treasurer's report.

Dorfman Rubio to raise festival recording fees. Passed

MOTION: Curry/ Jenkins to accept the treasurer's report . PASSED

Item 5: Communications

None.

Item 6: Unfinished Business

Chairman review adjudicator evaluation forms

Item 7: Committee Reports

Chairman O'Farrill discussed evaluation plaques.

Motion: Martin/Curry to hand out participation plaques at marching M.P.A. PASSED.

Chairman O'Farrill reviewed **Volunteer Incentive Program** for directors to participate in marching festival.

FBA District XV Volunteer Incentive Program

The Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) is designed to reward the members of District 15 for volunteering to assist in FBA activities outside of the normal school day. While many of our professional obligations must be met outside of the school day, it is in no way the intent of the organization to legislate professional ethics. However, we do feel that those that make the personal sacrifices for the betterment of our district as well as the students that participate in our festivals should be rewarded for their efforts. Therefore we are introducing the Volunteer Incentive Program.

Each year the Executive Director publishes the assessment for each district in the state. The assessment is based on the projected budget for each district plus any types of income generated by the district. In district 15 our main source of income is the gate receipts generated by the Marching Band Festival. In the 2002-2003 year, the assessment was lowered by nearly \$2.00 because of the gate receipts from received from High School Marching Festival.

That is why it is so important that we all work to contribute to the success of the Marching Festival. It lowers the assessment cost for ALL OF OUR STUDENTS. In years past we have asked each band director at the middle and high school levels that did not have a band performing in the festival to assist in the administration and maintenance of the event as a volunteer. However, there has been a concern regarding the lack of participation from directors, yet those same directors have been enjoying the same benefits as those that have made the sacrifice to benefit the district and our students.

Thus, the incentive plan is designed to reward those directors that have committed to making the sacrifice for District 15 and its students.

Here is how the plan works:

Based on last year's figures, the **standard** District 15 assessment WOULD HAVE BEEN \$5.00. This number is based on the district budget WITHOUT including Marching Festival gate receipts. With the gate receipts included, the assessment is lowered to \$3.00 and that is what was paid for each entry in the 2002-2003 school year.

The plan proposes that school in the district pay the standard assessment, with those working at Marching Festival receiving the incentive assessment. Thus, if you volunteered to work at Marching Festival, your incentive assessment would be \$3.00. If you are a middle school or private school director and opted not to volunteer you would pay the standard assessment. Keep in mind that the standard assessment is what each school would have to pay anyway if there were no Marching Festival gate receipts. The rationale here is to reward those that volunteer to assist in the lowering of the assessment.

Those that participate in the VIP will also receive consideration for priority scheduling for other FBA events.

Participation in the VIP has been defined as follows:

The volunteer must work a complete shift, completing all designated task.

The volunteer shall work a full shift or its equivalent as determined by the chairman

In closing, while it is not the intent of the district to legislate ethics or professional responsibility, we do realize the impact that a successful Marching Festival has on the economical structure of the district. In addition, the success of the festival is dependent upon those that volunteer to serve. This plan rewards those that make the sacrifice to serve for our district, and more important, our students.

Motion: Rubio/Jenkins to accept FBA District XV Volunteer Incentive Program proposal. PASSED.

Item 8: New Business

Motion: Pilato/Jenkins to have string students to perform at FBA solo and ensemble M.P.A. F.O.A. will pay the assessment fees. PASSED after great discussion.

Proposals to the executive board were discussed:

Motion: Miles/McClain to have Marching M.P.A. at Deerfield Beach High School November 1, 2003 PASSED.

Motion: Pilato/Dorfman for Olsen Middle School to host All-State auditions on September 20, 2003 upon receipt of letter of intent. PASSED.

Motion: Luechauer /Dorman for Taravella HS to host F.B.A. Jazz M.P.A. on February 12, 2003. PASSED

Motion: Luechauer/ Dorfman for Taravella HS to host F.B.A. High School Solo and Ensemble M.P.A. on February 13/14, 2003. PASSED

Motion: Rubio/Nista for Taravella HS to host F.B.A. Middle School Jazz M.P.A. on March 4, 2003.

Motion: Luechauer/ Dawson for middle school Solo and Ensemble M.P.A. to be on March 5/6, 2003 and for the north site to be at Ramblewood MS and the south site to be at Olsen MS letters pending. PASSED.

Motion: Martin /McClain for Taravella HS to host high school concert M.P.A. on March 17-20, 2003. PASSED.

Motion: Dzoba/ Miles for Taravella HS to host middle school concert M.P.A. on March 31-April 3, 2003. PASSED.

Item 9: District Adjudicators for Next School Year

Adjudicators will be hired by the district officers.

Item 10: Nominations for State MPA Adjudicators

None

Item 11: Nominations for Adjudicators List

Nomination of Mike Friedman to the adjudicators list all by Alan O'Farrill. Passed by secret ballot.

Nomination of Edgar Rubio to the adjudicator's list by Alan O'Farrill. Passed by secret ballot.

Item 12: Suggestions to State Committees

Suggestion to sight reading committees: when the score does not match the parts, there must be a note on the score addressing the problem. We also need a method of evaluating the music used in sight reading M.P.A. Make sure that the music changes from year to year. In more than one instance we had the same music selections as last year.

Item 13: Proposals to the Executive Board

Motion: Dawson/Mile: that sate MPA not be scheduled till all district festivals are finished and time is given for forms to be received so that individual needs throughout the state are met. A fair sate wide deadline should be given. PASSED.

Item 14: Other

Chairman O'Farrill discussed district 18 will be split into two districts.

Item 15: For the Good of the Association

Chairman O'Farrill thanked Mike Dzoba for his hard work on the festival programs.

Chairman O'Farrill thanked Kim Annis for organizing the pianos solo and ensemble M.P.A.

Chairman O'Farrill thanked Rick Miles, Neil Jenkins and Nick Pilato for their help in recording concert and jazz M.P.A.

Joe Luechauer discussed budget cuts and that money might be gone for all co all state events so do what you can.

Directors band at South Plantation High on May 9, 2003.

Flanagan High School is offering old uniforms to any school.

Jay Dorfman thanked Heston Curry and Maria Klutz for all of their hard work with county events.

Welcome Chris Schletter to Flanagan High School.

Ramblewood and Taravella students and parents will perform together in a concert at Taravella High School on May 12, 2003 at 7pm.

Summer band at Taravella High School contact Nick Pilato for more information.

Taravella High School received a Signature Grammy and was the only one in the state of Florida.

Brett Dawson encouraged kids to audition for Broward Community College's music department.

Monarch High is opening in the fall.

Jim Hammond needs band camp instructors.

Rick Miles gave a big thank you to district officers on a job well done.

Item 16: Next Meeting Date

Motion: Dawson/Miles to have next meeting at Flanagan High School on Aug 23, 2003.

Item 17: Adjournment

MOTION: Dawson/Miles to adjourn. PASSED

Name of District Secretary:

Paul Morton, District 15 Secretary

Signature: