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FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 67th year DISTRICT MEETING #2 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-02)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 19	MEETING DATE: November 19, 2002
MEETING NUMBER: 2	MEETING LOCATION: South Sumter High School, Bushnell, Fl.

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

The Meeting of District 19 of the Florida Bandmaster Association was called to order at 7:09 PM by Chairman Allen J. Venezio at South Sumter High School in Bushnell, Florida.

Mr. Venezio welcomed all of the Directors in attendance and thanked the South Sumter High School Band Boosters for the food preview for Solo and Ensemble that they provided for the meeting.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Members and guests in attendance were:

Allen J. Venezio, District Chairman, Tavares High School

Mark D. Bailey, District Secretary, Mount Dora Middle School

Doug Yopp, All District Honors Band Chairman, Clermont Middle School

Ryan Wright	Guest	Glenn Maerkl	Howard M.S.
Kevin Blackstock	Villages M.S.	Gerry Ricke	Eustis M.S.
L.C. Coney	Retired	Bob Allen	Retired
Alonzo Braddon	Retired	Joe Hughes	Vanguard H.S.
Tina Laferriere	Tavares M.S.	Allen Chambers	Eustis H.S.
Gabriel Fielder	Leesburg H.S.	Lynn Stocker	Gray M.S.
Joseph Hartley	Belleview M.S./H.S.	Craig Eason	Lake Weir M.S.
David Christensen	South Sumter H.S.	Scotty Vance	West Port M.S./H.S.
Jack Hart	East Ridge H.S.		

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

There were no changes to the minutes. They stand as distributed.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Mr. Venezio reports the current balance is \$1,839.07 as of November 19, 2002.

Mr. Venezio also noted that the gate receipt from the FBA District Marching MPA was \$3,416.00 and that Walter's Photography donation of \$1,000 has not yet arrived.

Item 5: Communications

Mr. Venezia read a thank you letter from Mr. Brazinski for having him as an Adjudicator for Marching MPA and a letter from Mr. Leschak, Lake Weir High School, requesting permission to perform at the Middle School Concert MPA due to a scheduling conflict.

Mr. Yopp requests that if approved, they should perform last.

MOTION: (Vance/Braddon) To allow Lake Weir HS to perform at the Middle School Concert MPA contingent upon securing the necessary sight-reading material. **PASSED**

Mr. Venezia read the letter Mr. Vance has provided to host the Middle School Concert MPA.

Item 6: Unfinished Business

1. Mr. Venezia says that directors need to pay their membership fees and this needs to be taken care of immediately. Mr. Yopp requests names of directors who are not FBA members and states on 25th of January the students will be eliminated from the All District Band if their directors are not members.
2. Discussion about All-State Auditions
 - Mr. Ricke requests that the recording professional have scripts for the All-State Auditions.
 - Mr. Coney suggests that the district go back to the old system of recording students for All-State Auditions. Mr. Christensen requests statistical data from the past to compare the All-State audition results to see if there was a difference with professional recording.
 - Mr. Christensen asked if the extra \$5 for the professional recording could be budgeted in the district budget. Mr. Venezia states that it was not budgeted the previous year. He also states that even if it had been budgeted it would not have been feasible based on the fact there is no income to the district prior to All-State auditions.
 - Mr. Venezia congratulated the directors who have students who are in the All-State Band.
3. F.B.A. District Marching MPA
 - Mr. Venezia stated the Marching MPA went well and it was a seamless day. He thanked Mr. Fielder and the Leesburg High School Band Boosters for hosting the marching MPA and also thanked the middle school directors who worked the gate. The Chairman did express some displeasure with the number of bands who were not there to watch other bands and requested that in the future, directors support each other by bringing their bands early.
 - Mr. Christensen stated he appreciated the distance of the warm up area from the performing field but requested if it is possible to have a shadier warm up area.
 - A full band retreat for Marching MPA was discussed but no action was taken.
 - Mr. Venezia requests that you complete the marching adjudicator evaluation form. They are available on the FBA website.
4. Mr. Venezia encouraged all directors to attend the FMEA Clinic-Conference.
 - Registration and information is available online at <http://www.flmusiced.org>
 - Mr. Coney reminded the directors that they should make sure to have a hotel room for All-State and that your students must have a chaperone. The director is not a chaperone.
5. Mentoring Program - Mr. Venezia reminded directors that mentors assigned to new directors should be in contact with them periodically, especially around times forms are due.

Item 7: Committee Reports

1. All-District Band (Doug Yopp, coordinator)
 - Audition Date - December 3 at Leesburg HS starting at 6:00 PM. The rehearsal days are January 23 from 6 – 9 PM, January 24 from 8 AM – 5 PM and Saturday from 8 AM to 3 PM. The concert will be at 7 PM and all rehearsals and the performance are at Leesburg HS.

- Chairman Venezia reminded members that directors with students involved **MUST** be there Thursday, Friday and Saturday and the District will not take responsibility for their students. If you are not there you must have a letter signed from your principal stating the reason for the absence and who will be your designee. He also noted that the All-District Band is a FBA function and the students should behave in an honorable and professional manner. If they do not, they will be removed from the band.
- All auditions will be no more than 10 minutes in length and students will be expected to be prepared. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO AUDITION IF THEIR DIRECTOR IS NOT PRESENT AT AUDITIONS!!!
- Mr. Yopp reported that he has sent out the audition music (excerpts) to all schools and asked that if you are missing anything to please contact him immediately. The remainder of the concert music will be passed out only to students selected to perform in the band.
- Students auditioning for Jazz Band must play the entire excerpt plus the two blues scales given with their name and school stated first. This must be sent by November 22nd.
- Not all of the sections are full for the Jazz Band and if you have players, please send in tapes. The sections that are full are: Bari Sax, Trumpet, Trombone and Drums.
- Each school must pay the \$25 per band fee before students will be accepted. There is also a \$10 fee per student who auditions. There are no other fees once the student is accepted.
- By a show of hands, the District decided to give students medals again instead of patches.
- Mr. Yopp clarified that Baritone C is baritone bass clef.
- Mr. Yopp asked if you have a preference on which instrument you would like to judge please email him other wise you will be assigned. Middle School Directors will judge High School, High School Directors will judge Middle School and Retired Members can judge any level.
- Mr. Ricke reminded directors to have your medical release forms with you whenever you are with students.
- Mr. Yopp stated that if parents or students ask him questions, he will direct them to their band director.

Item 8: New Business

1. Solo and Ensemble and Jazz Band MPA

Jazz Band MPA Date: Thursday, February 13, 2003
 Site: Lake Sumter Community College, Leesburg, FL
 Host: Tavares High School

Solo and Ensemble MPA

Date: Friday, February 14- Saturday 15, 2003
Site: South Sumter High School, Bushnell, FL

Concert Band MPAs

Middle School Concert Band MPA

Date: Friday, February 28th and Saturday, March 1st, 2003
Site: West Port High School, Ocala, FL

High School Concert Band MPA

Date: Friday March 14 and Saturday, March 15th, 2003
Site: East Ridge High School, Clermont, FL

All checks, disks and paperwork for Solo & Ensemble and Concert Band MPA is due January 25th to District Chairman; Principal and Director signatures are required on the cover page. If you need a Festival program, log onto the FBA Web Site.

Late fees for forms and paperwork are as follows:

- 1.) \$50 for submitting form 1-7 days late (payable to FBA)

- 2.) \$100 for submitting form 8 –14 days late.
- 3.) On the 15th day after the original deadline for submission, no entry forms will be accepted.

Item 9: State MPA Dates and Sites

1. State Solo and Ensemble / Jazz Band / Auxiliary MPA - March 31 - April 2, 2003 at Satellite High School.
2. State Concert Band MPA - April 21 - 25, 2003 at the University of North Florida

Item 10: Nominations for Adjudicators List

District 19 has none at this time.

Item 11: Suggestions to State Committees

1. To All-State Committee: Mr. Coney requests that have the treble clef baritone parts written out before they go to the directors.
2. To Clinics Committee: Mr. Hart requests a workshop on the Festival program.

Item 12: Proposals to the Executive Board

District 19 has none at this time.

Item 13: Other

1. Chairman Venezia opened up discussion on reinstating the Director's Band at All-District Band.
MOTION: (Christensen/Eason) To reinstate the Director's Band. **PASSED**
 - Mr. Venezia invited Mr. Bob Allen, Director Emeritus of the Director's Band, to once again be the conductor. Mr. Venezia will coordinate the Director's Band.

Item 14: For the Good of the Association

1. Mr. Hart informed the district that Lake County is having a Jazz Festival at Hickory Pointe in Tavares in the Middle of May. He requests jazz bands to participate and if directors are interested in helping out to contact him.
2. Mr. Yopp noted that the Air Force Falcons Band will be in downtown Leesburg on Friday, November 22nd.
3. Mr. Allen reminded members that one of the Japanese band will be at the January Conference.
4. Mr. Christensen is the Teacher of The Year at South Sumter High School.

Item 15: Next Meeting Date

The next district meeting is Saturday, January 25, 2003 at 10:00 AM at Leesburg High School.

Item 16: Adjournment

MOTION: (Laferrriere/Hughes) Motion for adjournment. **PASSED**

- Mr. Venezia adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM.

Name of District Secretary:

Mark D. Bailey

Signature:

Mark D. Bailey