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FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 68th year DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-03)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 12	MEETING DATE: Saturday, 23 August, 2003
MEETING NUMBER: 1	MEETING LOCATION: Southwest Middle School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Meeting was called to order at 8:34 am by Chairman D. Fultz. He immediately offered the District's thanks to Southwest Middle School and it's parents for hosting the meeting, providing food and holding the All-State Workshop later in the day.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

S. Barat, M. Kaminskas, A. Malott, J. Strike, J. Harden, C. Harris, B. Wharton, J. Buss, C. Beutel, D. Locurico, K. Attkinson, C. Celone, R. Combs, L. Alvarez, J. Bryant, P. Wharton, D. West, C. Fulton, H. Lundahl, R. Lundahl, D. Tindall, J. Eckman, J. Cayer, J. Parker, K. Nickse, R. Lambert, K. LeVine, D. Christopher, K. Johnson, R. Raabe, J. Sholine, S. Alia, R. Manzi, F. McDonald, J. Jossim, J. Coolman, D. Fultz, B. Fultz

To familiarize each other with new members, membership proceeded around the room introducing themselves and from what school they came.

D. Fultz made a call for veteran members to consider taking a new member under their wing to help gain insight into the working of the FBA. Likewise, new members were encouraged to find a mentor to help in their orientation to processes and procedures.

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

As there were no objections or corrections to the previous meetings minutes, they will stand as submitted.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Approximately \$4600 was returned from the FSMA from the previous year. Mention was made that the assessment paid by each program was dependant upon the gate receipts at Marching MPA.

Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues

Fine Arts Staffing Survey – This instrument is being circulated by the FSMA to collect data on how Fine Arts classes are staffed in our state. Please return to the FMEA/FSMA Office: 207 Office Plaza Dr. Tallahassee FL 32301 FAX: 850-942-1793 email: jamesperry@flmusiced.org

Lobbyist Recruitment - The FSMA is also asking us to identify articulate, sharp people in our communities to act as lobbyist for the cause of arts education. These people would preferably be non-music educators to portray the desires of a more wide ranging electorate. The desire is that with an agenda provided by our state

organizations, these people would actually travel to Tallahassee and speak with legislators (not just phone and mail campaigns)

- J. Buss reiterated the need for these people to be non-teachers or spouses as they have a vested interest, but should be ordinary Florida citizens that believed arts to be important.

- R. Lundahl informed the membership of the point that Palm Bch. County had eliminated a significant number of programs and teachers were in some cases responsible for multiple programs. We should act before the problems are here. Additionally, he noted how quickly the 18 Credit Graduation Program came about and that our state arts leadership did not even have the time and opportunity to mobilize against it. We have a very powerful block of parents associated with our programs.

Item 6: Communications/Distribution of Packets

Communications

- Kathleen HS, L. Alvarez request to perform early at the District MPA due to the scheduling of the school's homecoming dance on that evening. The offer was also made to perform the National Anthem at the event
- Lakeland HS, R. Lundahl request to perform early at the District MPA due to the scheduling of the school's homecoming dance on that evening. He added that his band really needed to be out of there by 6pm.

Motion to allow Kathleen HS to perform 1st and Lakeland HS to perform 2nd at District MPA (Combs/Strike)
PASSED

More discussion concerning start time to take place during Item #9 New Business

Packets

Packets as we have known them were not distributed as all of the forms are now available online at the FBA website www.flmusiced.org. However, materials that were available were a fairly current District Roster (thanks Phil), information concerning All-County Band, the Fine Arts Staffing Survey, Information Sheets, District Calendar, Audition Scripts for All-State, Performers Contracts for All-State

Item 7: Unfinished Business

There were no items from the Executive Board for discussion.

Item 8: Committee Reports

Piano Committee – K. Crawford, No Report

The offer was made for Crawford to pass the duties of the Piano Committee on to another. After a call for volunteers by the Chair, Don West agreed to shoulder those activities.

Item 9: New Business

Membership – Dues and Enrollment forms are due by **Sept. 15.**

This may be dealt with online at www.flmusiced.org or mailed to

FSMA (make checks payable to them also)

207 Office Plaza Dr.

Tallahassee, FL 32301

Amount for active members is \$143

FSMA school dues are also due by Sept. 15. Polk County public schools have been taken care of by Mr. Frank Howes office.

Classification Forms – these are **due by October 15** to the District Chair, the Director and Principals signature are required

- this form is available online
- Middle Schools report 7th and 8th grade/ High Schools report 9-12 as appropriate
- Report is taken from the FTE number on Sept 3
- **There is a \$50 fine for submitting this form late, on the 8th calendar day after, the fine rises to \$100**

All-State Auditions

Lake Gibson HS
September 20th

- Entry forms are available online and are due to **Jan Coolman at Bartow HS by Sept. 3rd**
 - Jan Coolman
Bartow High School
1270 S. Broadway
Bartow, FL 33830
 - **There is a \$50 fine for submitting this form late, on the 8th calendar day after, the fine rises to \$100**
- With the entry, directors should submit a performers contract for each student auditioning, these are Available online
- **\$16 per student entry** payable to FBA District 12
 - Motion to increase the audition fee by \$1 to cover additional expense of recording (C. Harris/B. Fultz) PASSED
- Eligibility
 - Middle School Ensemble 7th and 8th grades
 - High School Concert Band 9th and 10th grades
 - High School Symphonic Band 11th and 12th grades

All-State Jazz Band Auditions None planned

Schedule for Auditions - All Directors are required to be in attendance at the audition site while their Students are auditioning
- after entries are received, a schedule of 30 min. blocks will be made to narrow down the time window in which a student will perform

Screen Students – Directors are asked to screen their students carefully to ensure that we are sending the most competitive players to the audition.

Comments from the All-State Chairman – C. Fulton reviewed the process for bringing in and distributing the audition tapes, the difficulties that have occurred in the past and a few horror stories to emphasize that as advocates for our students, we must do everything we can to get this right!

All-State Workshop – J. Eckman (thanks Jon!) addressed the workshop that would be occurring later in the day. Order of events would be:

12 noon	Orientation to the Audition Process and a Mock Audition
12:30 p	Breakout sessions for each instrument and level group to get coaching and mock audition experience with a county/area instrumental specialist
2:30 p	sessions end

He also reminded the membership of which instrument and level we would be coaching

Small Schools Honor Band – Forms are available online, Due date and submission location are on the form
These forms are not submitted to the District Chair or Jan Coolman

Marching Band MPA

- Entry forms are due to the District Chair by **Sept. 25**
 - **There is a \$50 fine for submitting this form late, on the 8th calendar day after, the fine rises to \$100**
- The suggestion is to use the Festival Program to prepare the entry form (use Concert Festival), then your students are already in the program for the spring
- Filming will be handled as in the past, one person per school on top of the press box to film
 - That person should set up one band ahead and tear down during the band after Keeping only 3 people on the top at a time
 - This needs to be managed by each individual band director
- There will again be a reserved section for Directors and guests, this too should be explained and managed by each Director
- Photos – Motion to not have Champion Photo provide photography services at MPA (P.Wharton/S.Barat) PASSED
- Schedule – Motion to schedule bands from smallest to largest with the exception of KHS and LHS who petitioned to go early due to homecoming (item #6) (C. Harris/D. West) PASSED
- Publicity – Mr. Jim Parker addressed the idea that our gate affects our assessment and our gate is helped by the fine businesses that have helped sponsor our event. Publix and the Ledger will again provide money and the Ledger, some publicity. Each Director should take the initiative to have MPA announced in their respective school communities and get as many people out to the event as possible
- National Anthem – Kathleen High School
- Starting Time - Motion to start the MPA at 5pm for the two homecoming bands and then break until 6pm when the assessment will resume (K. LeVine/C. Harris) PASSED

Item 10: District MPA Dates and Sites

Solo/Ensemble

February 13 & 14

George Jenkins HS?

K. Crawford spoke to an issue regarding GJHS holding S&E this school year. The conflict stems from a Friday night basketball game on the GJHS campus. Potential solutions will be looked into such as moving the venue for the auxiliary events or holding them on Saturday the 14th

Senior HS Concert MPA

March 5 & 6, 2004

Lake Region HS

Middle School Concert MPA

March 12 & 13, 2004

Winter Haven HS

Motion to expand the MS MPA forward by one day to Thurs. night to prevent such long days (R. Lundahl/C.Harris) PASSED the enactment of this is contingent upon the FBA Executive Board/FSMA allowing our district to alter our budget since doing so will mean a day longer for our adjudicators and their expenses

Registration for S/E and Assessment - Membership was reminded that all information for Solo and Ensemble and the Assessment is brought to the Jan. FBA Mtg.

New Festival Program - The software that we use to prepare our entries will be replaced by a new version soon. The old version will be obsolete. The software will be paid for with the school's assessment.

Item 11: District MPA Adjudicators

About 90% booked. List forthcoming

Item 12: Nominations for Adjudicators List

Nomination made for Jay Strike to begin the internship process to be added to the list (R. Lambert, C. Harris)
PASSED

Item 13: Suggestions to State Committees

NONE

Item 14: Proposals to the Executive Board

NONE

Mention was made by Chairman Fultz that an issue regarding the timing at State Auxiliary Festival had been referred to the Solo and Ensemble Committee and our districts proposal concerning two sets of music for Middle School Sightreading had failed in Board discussions

Item 15: Other Correspondence

NONE

Item 16: For the Good of the Association

P. Wharton – Brought up the FBA Hall of Fame Concert at which our own Frank Howes will be inducted.
November 16th Stetson University Deland, Florida

D. Fultz – Jim Levon sent recordings of new Solo and Ensemble works, mostly low grades

S. Barat – Winter Haven HS will be performing at FMEA on Wednesday, 7 January, 2004

L. Alvarez – Kathleen HS will be hosting their annual Marching Festival the Central Florida Marching Band Showcase on Oct. 12th at 4pm, several areas ensembles will be involved

J. Buss - update of email address for her and her husband Howard, both private instructors
howardbuss@copper.net

R. Combs – thank you to all of the programs that supported their Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser Workshop on Aug. 16
They are working to have him back next August on Sat. Aug. 14th

- Contact Roanna if you would like information regarding the Tri-M Music Honor Society

R. Lambert - the Polk county Jazz Showcase is scheduled for April 3rd at Harrison Arts Center

B. Rigney – came to represent Florida Music Service, now in Lakeland and introduce our area representative Pete Smiser. Also, they distributed CD's from Louisiana State University

P. Wharton – announced that Chuck Fulton would be a candidate for President Elect of the FBA in January

D. Locurcio – Announced that AHS would hold a Marching Festival of their own on Oct. 18th

J. Jossim – announced that there would be no band day this year at FSC

- informed people of the Hollingsworth Winds and that there was still a need for Clarinet and Percussion players
- thanks for the students that attended FSC's Summer Band Camp, highest enrollment camp yet

F. Howes – thanks for a great opening to the year

- support our new teachers, be a resource
- his secretary Elaine Sheffield 534-7121, she can answer many routine questions, he has taken on some extra duties so it becomes more crucial to allow her to help you when possible
- repair account money is in place for you to open a PO and use
- stressed following protocols and working properly within the system
- the American Horn Quartet will be in town the 12th and 13th of January and can be available for some clinics on Tuesday.
- Be very aware of the implications of Budget cuts, class size amendments, etc. the time to act is now before the problems reach us in more force than they currently are.

Thanks again to Jon Eckman and Jeff Cayer for their work in setting up the All-State Workshop. Hopefully, we as a district will see positive results and the expansion of this workshop in future years will only make our district stronger.

Item 17: Next Meeting Date

October 6, 2003 Sleepy Hill Middle School Brad Wharton, Host

Item 18: Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn (S.Alia, J. Buss) PASSED

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am

Name of District Secretary: Kevin Crawford

Signature: