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# FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 68<sup>th</sup> year DISTRICT MEETING #3 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-03)

# DISTRICT NUMBER: 15MEETING DATE: 1-17-04MEETING NUMBER: 3MEETING LOCATION: Plantation High School

#### Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chairman O'Farrill. The Chairman thanked the director and the parents of Plantation High School for breakfast and hosting today's meeting.

#### **Item 2: Members and Guests Present**

McLaughlin, Doug	American Heritage MS & HS
Nottage, Tavares	Apollo MS
Perdue, Lawrence	Arthur Ashe MS
Ecklund, Chris	Bair MS
Pryor, Shawn	Blanche Ely HS
Berman, Jennifer	Coconut Creek HS
Anastasio, Theresa	Coral Springs Charter MS & HS
Dawson, Brett	Coral Springs HS
Southwood-Smith Paul	Coral Springs MS
Morton, Paul	Driftwood MS
O'Farrill, Marline	Everglades HS
O'Farrill, Alan	Everglades HS
Williams, Anthony	Falcon Cove MS
Altman, Miriam	Forest Glen MS
Brewer, Larry	Indian Ridge MS
Hammond, Jim	Lyons Creek MS
Heston, Curry	McArthur HS
D'mitrenko, Stan	Millennium MS
Davis, Alvin	Miramar HS
Lotocky, Walter	Monarch HS
Wexler, Seth	North Broward Prep MS
Salo, Steve	North East HS
Roth, Jamie	Nova HS
Weiss, Farryn	Nova MS
Van Landingham, Kim	Olsen MS
Layman, David	Parkway MS
Caballero, Alejandro	Pembroke Pines Charter HS

Cole, Dayna	Pembroke Pines Charter MS West
Wadman, Dale	Pine Crest
Pittman, Russell	Pines MS
Bradford, Richard	Piper HS
Martin, James	Plantation HS
Crotty, Kathleen	Plantation MS
Davis, Scott	Pompano Beach HS
Burns, Steve	St. Marks.
Helm, Ron	Sawgrass Springs MS
Dzoba, Mike	Seminole Middle School
Rubio, Edgar	Silver Trail MS
Parsons, Jackie	South Broward HS
McClain, Leonard	South Broward HS
Rusnak, John	South Plantation HS
Navaro, Andres	Stoneman Douglas HS
Collier, Gary	Stranahan HS
Walker David	Sunrise MS
Walker, David	University / Nova MS & HS
Annis, Kim	W. C. Young MS
Carroll, Jeff	Wesminister Academy MS & HS
Wesoloski, Brian	Western HS
Schmidt, Fred	Westglades MS
Zeruth, Chris	All County Music

# Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

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#### Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Guest:

The Chairman reviewed the treasurer's report. MOTION: Cole/Martin to accept the treasurer's report. PASSED.

#### Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues

Encourage parents to join maestro on the FMEA web site. This is a parent advocacy group to keep music in our schools.

#### **Item 6: Communications**

Dillard Center of the Arts presented a letter to host Middle School Concert MPA. Already voted yes pending letter.

A letter from Saint Martins School that stated they will not participate in Concert MPA but will participate in Solo and Ensemble MPA.

#### Item 7: Unfinished Business

Complaints were made that last years pianos where very sharp. Discussion was held that it was not cost effective to tune pianos on site.

Motion: Schmidt/Cole to accept pianos as is from Bob's Pianos and Organs without on site tuning. PASSED.

## **Item 8: Committee Reports**

NONE

## Item 9: New Business

-The Chairman discussed problems with the scheduler disk. It is currently including all deletions. To correct this problem you must Backup—Restore—Entry Disk. This will purge the entry disk of the deletions.

-Collect High School Festival Disk, Forms & Check (for Jazz, S&E and Concert)

Middle School Festival Disk, Forms & Check (for Jazz, S&E, and Concert) Due. Jan. 30

Late fee \$50. After the 8<sup>th</sup> day \$100.

REMINDER: On the 15<sup>th</sup> day after the original deadline for submission, no entries will be accepted. High School Performance Assessments dates: Jazz – 2/12 at Nova;

S&E- 2/13 &2/14 at Taravella: Concert – 3/17 – 2/20 at Taravella.

Middle School Performance Assessment dates: Jazz- 3/4 Taravella

S&E – 3/5&3/6 at Olsen (south site) & Ramblewood (north site); Concert 3/30 – 4/2 at Dillard. Scheduling will be done on a first come, first serve basis.

Programs will be done by Mike Dzoba. Yea Mike!!!!!!

Recording will be done by the district.

## Item 10: State MPA Dates and Sites

If you do not receive state entry form by early march call Duane Hendon.

## **Item 11: Election of Officers**

Nomination: Weiss/Hamond for Jamie Roth to be district secretary. Nomination: Schmidt/Hamond for John Rusnak to be district secretary. Nomination: Williams/Hamond for Mike Friedmon to be district secretary. Motion: Schmidt/Rubio to close nominations. Passed. Congratulations to Jamie Roth who won by election.

# Item 12: District MPA Dates for Next Year

Motion: Schmidt/Parsons to have Marching MPA on 11/6/04 Passed

Motion: Schmidt/Martin to have High School Jazz / S&E MPA on 2/17-2/19. Passed

Motion: Schmidt/Annis to have Middle School Jazz / S&E MPA on 2/25-2/26. Passed

Motion: Curry/Rusnak to have High School Concert MPA on 4/6-4/9Passed

Motion: Schmidt/Cole to have High School Concert MPA for plan B on 3/30-4/2.Passed

Motion: Cole/Weiss to have High School Concert MPA on 4/13-4/16. Passed

## Item 13: Nominations for Adjudicators List

Letter from Marlene Ofarrill for Jamie Roth to be on the Jazz Adjudicators List. Passed By election.

## Item 14: Nominations of All State Clinicians

Paul Morton, Driftwood Middle, Middle School All State Band or Honor Band. Doug Hill, Mercer University, 9 &10 All State Band Dr.George Sparks, FAU, 9 &10 Dr. Roby George, FIU, any All-State Band. Dr, John Knight, Oberlin Conservatory,9 & 10 grade.

# Item 15: Suggestions to State Committees & Proposals to the Executive Board

-From Marlene O'Farrill: To ask the auxiliary committee to reduce the minimum for ensembles especially twirlers to enable ensembles of three to participate.

-Fred Schmidt is asking the solo and ensemble committee to revisit the use of string bass in solo & ensemble MPA.

-Heston Curry is asking the all state committee to consider using the circle of fifths for high school auditions.

-The membership would like to address the music selection committee. A lengthy discussion was held with great concern that too much music is being removed from the music list (both solo and ensemble and concert). The concerns/requests are:

- 1. Concern for the deletion of music from the fine literature list.
- 2. The numbering system should not change if a solo is deleted.
- 3. A separate listing of solos in collections. Many were published as separate collections. The original was deleted and the collection was substituted.
- 4. Produce a solo and ensemble removal list yearly as they do for concert selections.
- 5. Produce a rationale for the removal of a selection from the list.
- 6. The number of grade 1 and 2 music is so small to begin with.
- 7. Money and time were spent building libraries.
- 8. Many directors have purchased smart music programs for solos that were removed from the list (which were very expensive).

-To Music selection and clinics committee: Directors would like to hear high and middle schools bands (instead of college bands) play new music at FMEA. Rationale directors will get a better idea of how the music will sound with their respective groups. Maybe, reinstate all state reading bands.

# Item 16: For the Good of the Association

Ron Helm was concerned about hearing loss in band directors. He is asking young directors to protect your hearing before is too late.

Brett Dawson had the same problems and carpet helped. Check you band room with a decibel meter.

## Item 17: Next Meeting Date

Everglades High School May 8,2004.

## Item 18: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Cole/Schmidt. Passed

## Name of District Secretary:

Signature:



District Secretary