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

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 16</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 20, 2004</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 3</b>	<b>MEETING LOCATION: Hialeah High School</b>

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

Steve Rivero, District Chairman reminded members that all forms for District Solo & Ensemble, Jazz MPA, and Concert Band MPA are due today along with appropriate assessment payments. Forms are being reviewed during this meeting for accuracy. A \$50 late fee will apply for any forms turned in between January 21 and 28 2004 and a \$100 late fee will be assessed for any forms turned in after 28 January 2004. FORMS will not be accepted after February 4, 2004. Late forms should be sent directly to Tim Blaha at Highland Oaks Middle School, phone at 305.392.3810x2375

### Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Evit Allen Leo Altamiranda Darryl Baker Wilfred Barry Tim Blaha Esther Carbalosa E. Castro Daryl Clark Fernando Collar Manuel Comacho Efraim Coutinio Alfredo Dela Rosa Fernando Diez Chris Dorsey Ryan Ellis Shannon Feloss Manuel Ferrer Gretchen Fider Angela Goff Kenneth Goff Jeff Gross Jon Hamm Jason Hatfield David Hillberry H. Wayne Hoffmann Carolyn Hutchinson Fedrick Ingram Scott Isaacs Daniel Jiminez Lee Johanson Erron Johnson Bobby Keating	Horace Mann Middle Miami Sr. High J.F.K. Middle Edison Sr. Highland Oaks Middle Dade Christian South Miami Sr. Coral Reef Sr. Glades Middle Kenwood K-8 Center Howard A. Doolin Middle Ponce de Leon Middle W.R. Thomas Middle Northwestern Sr. Southridge Sr. Miami Southridge Sr. Hialeah Middle Arvida Middle Miami Christian Florida Christian Centennial Middle Ransom Everglades Upper Westwood Christian Westminster Christian William Turner Sr. Florida Christian Miami Carol City Sr. Dade Christian Doral Middle Riviera Prep B. T. Washington Sr. Gulliver Academy Middle	Steve Kirkland Susan Lalama Cathy Leibinger Alina Matusow Gus Mayorga Doug McCall Joselyn Milt Ray Modia Peter Muller Melton Mustafa Christine Napoles Rafael Napoles Anthony Parris Carlos Perez Erich S. Rivero Stephen Rivero Allyson Royster Jose Ruiz Bill Shepard Paul Smith Robert Thomas Beernard Lowell Thomas Eugene M. Timmons George Walters Brian Wuttke	Hammocks Middle Barbara Goleman Sr. Ransom Everglades Shenandoah Middle Jane S. Roberts Middle Cutler Ridge Middle Homestead Sr. Nautilus Middle Miami Springs Sr. N. Miami Beach Sr. Mays Middle Felix Varela Sr. Richmond Middle Citrus Grove Middle Miami Killian Sr. Hialeah Sr. Palmer Trinity Miami Springs Middle Coral Gables Sr. Palmetto Sr. Miami Jackson Sr. Thomas Jan Mann Ferguson Sr. Homestead Middle Robert Morgan Ed. Center Miami Killian Sr.
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Guests Present:  
 Jason Cochrac, Intern Miami Springs Sr.  
 Edward Ercilla, Intern Coral Reef Sr.  
 Douglas Rodriguez, Principal Miami Springs Sr.  
 Nelson Roque, intern Hialeah Sr.

### **Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes**

**Motion** to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes by Peter Mueller/William Shepard.  
**PASSED**

### **Item 4: Treasurer's Report**

Cathy Liebinger, District Treasurer reported that the Current Balance is \$6879.22. Everything is paid and up to date. Mr. Rivero reminded the district that we are very fortunate to have someone act as treasurer, as Cathy has for the past several years. Susan Lalama, of Barbara Goleman Sr. will take over next year as district treasurer, and is assisting Cathy now in order to familiarize herself with the position.

### **Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues**

There was considerable discussion about the decision by the Division of Life Skills (M-DCPS) to eliminate the reimbursement to principals of the assessment fees incurred by the public schools. It was pointed out that this decision was written in the latest music handbook given to music teachers, but it was not emphasized, highlighted or mentioned at any music meetings. The division will continue to provide busing to MPA's for concert and marching bands. This decision was made by the Division, and not by the two music supervisors.

The Chair reminded everyone that the high schools were hit 7 years ago with a serious reduction of transportation money for football games, resulting in many schools having to raise funds to go to many of the games, even though principals are still requiring the marching band to participate.

It was suggested by many, including our guest principal Mr. Rodriguez, that all band directors contact the M-DCPS division of Life Skills and express our dissatisfaction with the non-reimbursement decision as well as the way band directors were 'informed'. Further, band directors were urged to have parents, assistant principals, and principals call or write the division concerning same.

The chairman was directed by the membership to look into the possibility of running our own Marching MPA (such as charging a gate admission as well as all of the other details) as most other districts currently do. H. Wayne Hoffmann reminded the district that we still our fortunate to have the division still paying busing expenses to Marching and Concert MPA's.

### **Item 6: Communications**

The chairman read a letter from Miami Christian School requesting to participate in our district High School Concert MPA for comments only. Motion Wuttke/E. Rivero to accept same. **PASSED**.  
Unanimous.

The chair read a letter from George Walters reminding everyone that his term as secretary will end at the conclusion of this school year. The chairman requested that the membership vote on a new secretary at the 4<sup>th</sup> district meeting.

### **Item 7: Unfinished Business**

The chair recognized Brian Wuttke concerning the status of his previous motion to State Board. Music Committee on his proposal to place all significant literature as noted on our Concert Band Music List, and place it on the State Adopted Textbook list, thereby allowing schools to use textbook funds to purchase this music.

After discussion by the membership: **Motion** by Wuttke/Walters to request that the music committee report on the progress/status of this motion. **PASSED**

### **Item 8: Committee Reports-Brian Wuttke**

Mr. Wuttke explained a flaw in the current festival program that everyone had to purchase this year, which causes entries deleted by the individual schools as the normal course of typing and correcting still show up on the entry disk, causing a discrepancy between the assessment form and the number of entries on the entry disk. This can also cause a district to hire extra and unneeded adjudicators. A suggested fix was explained to the membership, however, the entry disk was due at this meeting, so problems are still expected.

Mr. Wuttke proposed three options concerning pianos at Solo's and Ensembles at Miami Killian this year. **Motion** Bill Shepard/Paul Smith to accept option 3 which is to rent pianos for one week (two weekends) . After much discussion, the motion **PASSED** (Yes-53, No 0, Abstention 2)

### **Item 9: New Business**

The chairman reminded EVERYONE that he sends out numerous e-mails in order to assist members with everything from meeting notices to updates on current issues. He asks that members who are not receiving these e-mails to report their correct e-mail address to him at [SKRivero@Aol.com](mailto:SKRivero@Aol.com) and to [GeorgeW793@Aol.com](mailto:GeorgeW793@Aol.com).

A friendly reminder to all: your district officers are also band directors. Every effort should be made to contact them via e-mail, or to phone only during appropriate times **AFTER reading the FBA Handbook.** Attendance at meetings also will serve to answer many questions.

### **Item 10: State MPA Dates and Sites**

State S&E and Jazz MPA: April 5-7, 2004 – JP Taravella High School

State Concert Band MPA (South Site) April 26-May 1, 2004-Indian River Community College

These dates can also be found in the district calendar provided to members at the first meeting as well as the FBA Website.

### **Item 11: District MPA Dates for Next Year**

Mr. Walters reminded the district that the M-DCPS school calendar for 2004-2005 will have school starting a week earlier than this year.

Mr. Rivero will keep the dates as close to the same as this year if possible, and report these dates at our next meeting.

### **Item 12: Nominations for Adjudicators List**

None

### **Item 13: Nominations of All State Clinicians**

The following were nominated to serve as All-State Clinicians:

Jim Culbertson of Decatur HS or All-State Jazz Band

John Georgini, of Miami Dade College for All-State Jazz Band

Eric Rombach-Kendall, Director of Bands – U. of New Mexico (he was a student of Bob Reynolds)

## **Item 14: Suggestions to State Committees**

None

## **Item 15: Proposals to the Executive Board**

None

## **Item 16: Other**

Reminder of important upcoming dates:

- District HS S&E and Jazz MPA Feb. 20-21, 2004 at Miami Killian High School
- District MS S&E and Jazz MPA Feb. 27-28, 2004 at Miami Killian High School
- District HS Concert Band MPA March 11-13, 2004 at Coral Reef High School
- District MS Concert Band MPA March 15-18, 2004 at Robert Morgan Ed. Center

## **Item 17: For the Good of the Association**

A stirring round of applause was given from the members to Kathy and Tim Blaha for scheduling and working our S & E MPA.

A discussion of the demands placed on band directors ensued and there was a feeling by some members that directors might consider being more judicious in the acceptance of performances and increased duties in the wake of the reduced funding by the music office.

Steve Rivero thanked, George Walters & Brian Wuttke for handling the FBA office as well as all middle school directors for working at the District 16 Marching MPA (which was partially rained out).

Eric Rivero reminded all that the teachers Jazz Band is alive and well and rehearsing at Miami Killian High School on Monday evenings. For more info, contact Eric at [TPTLoco@aol.com](mailto:TPTLoco@aol.com).

The chairman was asked to look into other options for our festival recordings.

There will be a Jazz Workshop on Feb 6 & 7 at Fla. Memorial College w/James Moody & Clark Terry and Melton Mustafa.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Burley Brewton of North Dade Middle Schools as he deals with the illness of his daughter.

The chair thanked all of the guests for attending

## **Item 18: Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is currently scheduled for April 10, 2004 at either Miami Southridge or Carol City High Schools. Watch your e-mail for location and time.

## **Item 19: Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn: Peter Muller/Daryl Clark. **PASSED.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*George Walters*

**Secretary District 16, Florida Bandmasters Association**