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FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 68th year DISTRICT MEETING #2 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-03)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 3	MEETING DATE: November 17, 2003
MEETING NUMBER: 2	MEETING LOCATION: Chaparral Steak House, Perry, FL

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm by district chairman Chuck Perego.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

First	Last	School
Michael	Antmann	Swift Creek Middle School
Ruthie	Antmann	Holy Comforter Episcopal School
Josh	Bula	Leon High School
Becky	Carlan	Wakulla High School
Jennifer	Corizine	Maclay School
Michael	German	Lawton Chiles High School
Geoffry	Hill	Madison County High School
Natalie	Hughes	Intern-Madison County HS
Candalee	Jones	Tallahassee Home School Band
Jon	Jones	Godby High School
Lewis	Jones	Retired
Alex	Kaminsky	Lincoln High School

First	Last	School
Monica	Leimer	River Springs Middle School
Theo	Leimer	Guest
Carl	Manna	Branford School
Ken	Michal	Suwannee Middle School
Bill	Miller	Cobb Middle School
Cleo	Miller	Guest
Chuck	Perego	Augusta Raa Middle School
Dave	Rollins	Belle Vue Middle School
Jennie	Rollins	Guest (Swift Creek Chorus)
Aaron	Trkovsky	Taylor County High School
Nathan	White	Taylor County Middle School

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

MOTION (Rollins/Antmann) to dispense of the reading of previous minutes.

PASSED

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

We currently have \$9746.84 in account. Chuck passed around a copy of the register printout. We brought in more at the Marching MPA gate this year, but we did amend the budget to add \$400 to pay for plaques, so our assessment will probably be around the same as last year.

Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues

Remember that each county needs a music parent to be an advocacy representative. Some of the smaller counties still do not have one. James Perry e-mails us to remind us of the counties that still don't have one. Dave Rollins will oversee this to help make sure it happens. Aaron Trkovsky will take care of this in Jefferson County.

Item 6: Communications

- Mike German, Chiles High School: second band wishes to perform for comments only.
APPROVED
- Michael Antmann, Swift Creek Middle School: third band wishes to perform for comments only.
APPROVED

Members are reminded that they must submit an official letter on school letterhead explaining reasons that they wish to perform for comments only. The letter must be signed by the director and principal. These may be submitted at the January 17 meeting also.

Item 7: Unfinished Business

Dates for Events (tabled from a discussion at the May-03 meeting):

MOTION (Antmann/Trkovsky): Form a special committee to look into MPA dates for the 04-05 year and present the proposed dates at the May-04 meeting. Rationale: to be better prepared by thinking through conflicts in advance, making the May meeting go more smoothly. PASSED

If you want to serve on that committee, please contact Michael Antmann. The following people volunteered at the meeting:

- Josh Bula
- Alex Kaminsky
- Aaron Trkovsky
- Chuck Perego
- Ruthie Antmann
- Monica Leimer
- Carl Manna
- Ken Michal
- Bill Miller

Comments about All-State Auditions:

- Bill Miller: We need to make sure the directors who are running the tape recorder and reading the script have a copy of the etudes. Mr. Miller volunteered to help with that next year.
- Dave Rollins: Felt like the sight-reading wasn't musical.
- Michael Antmann: The middle school sight-reading should be in a key signature that is within the scales the students are required to play.
- Alex Kaminsky: Believes the middle school auditions could include a couple more scales. It just seems that there is a huge jump from 7 to 12 when they go from middle school to high school.

Comments about Marching MPA:

There was a problem with certain schools who tried to get their chaperones in the gate without a pass:

- Many band parents/chaperones were very rude to the people working the gate, almost to the point of violence.
- We discussed this at the previous meeting, and we agreed that nobody would enter the stadium without a pass.
- You received the passes in the mail, and a reminder of this rule in an e-mail before the festival.
- We also said that if you needed more passes just ask Chuck and he will send them to you.
- There was obviously a breakdown in communication between some band directors and their band parents, because a couple bands tried to get a large group of parents in the gate for free.
- Please make sure your band parents know the rules and procedures—rules we set at meetings and rules in the handbook.
- It was suggested that we write a letter to the band directors of and copy it to their principals of the schools that we had problems with. **Anyone that had a problem with any students or parents from**

any school, please write down all the details and send them to Chuck or Josh. We will compose letters to send to directors and principals.

Warm-up areas were too close together.

- Chuck said it's a problem because the fair was open, and there is limited space around the stadium. Because of the fair, we had to stay away from the entrance to the main gate.
- Chuck also invited anyone with ideas on how to solve this problem for next year to please let him know.

Some schools that had to travel a long way were scheduled very early in the morning, requiring them to meet at their band rooms at 5:30am.

- Chuck reminded everyone that you can always make a request for a later time.
- Alex Kaminsky mentioned that starting later in the afternoon might be a good option, some districts go from 2pm to 7pm. Chuck reminded everyone that if the Fair was going on, it might be a problem because around 3:00pm is when the crowd starts showing up for the fair, and we share a parking lot with the fairgrounds.
- Perhaps adjusting it just an hour might help—maybe 10:00am until 3:30pm.
- The MPA Dates Committee, formed above, will also look into the dates of the fair and try to schedule this MPA for a weekend where the fair is not in session.
- It was suggested that we find another location that is away from the fair, but this was brought up in the May-03 meeting and we decided that Tallahassee would draw the most money at the gate, and Gene Cox Stadium is really the only appropriate place in Tallahassee.

Mentoring Update: Lewis Jones

You should have received a list of mentors that you signed up for along with their contact information. You are responsible for contacting them.

FMEA Conference—see the website for registration information, and letters to give to your administrators to justify the importance of your attendance at this conference. www.flmusiced.org

Item 8: Committee Reports

All-District (Michael Antmann):

- Auditions start at 8:20 on Saturday.
- If you have a student auditioning, you need to be there about a half-hour earlier than that.
- High School directors will judge middle school and middle school directors will judge high school students.
- Michael will call you to ask what you are willing to judge. An adjudicator's form is on the website <http://www.swiftcreek.leon.k12.fl.us/band/adb>.
- The auditions will be at Lincoln High School.
- Each judge will get a packet with all the forms and music in it. Please bring your own pencil and calculator.
- If you have anyone not showing up, please let Mike Antmann know by Wednesday.
- If you have a student in 'Math Counts', let Michael Know asap so he can switch times.
- Last year, Michael Antmann lent his copy of "Chester Variations" and he didn't get it back, so if you have it, please get it back to him.

Item 9: New Business

Solo/Ensemble MPA Festival:

- At the next meeting, you will need to turn in your disk and forms.

- Josh Bula did a presentation on the new features of the Festival Program. His presentation is at www.leonband.com/festival.htm if you have any questions.
- Recording at Concert Festival: Everyone will get a CD, so everyone needs to put the \$10 in your assessment form in the Festival program.
- Jazz Bands: we will plan for 8 jazz bands. Remember your warm-up will be just a room--there may or may not be a piano in the room. Warm-up rooms are scheduled ½ hour before your performance time. Each band has ½ hour to setup, perform, tear down. Jazz bands will be scheduled in the late afternoon.
- We need to find 5 more judges—we have 15 and we need 20. If you know any judges that aren't working on February 14th, let us know. The judges we currently have are Steve Sims, Eddie Paige, James Brown, James Layton, Babara Kaminsky, John Wilk, Mike Woodfin, Sue Nicholson, Richard Davenport, Annette Greive, Lamar Weatherman, Wayne Whitman, John Bradley, and Jim Dodd

We are not hiring someone to provide recordings of Jazz Band performances.

MOTION: (M. Antmann/R. Antmann)

To allow directors to record their own band's performance at jazz band festival if the district is not contracting someone to make recordings. (see handbook p. 15 II.10.c)

PASSED

Remember you are only allowed 30 minutes to setup, perform, and tear down so this includes setting up your recording equipment also. According to the handbook (p.15 II.10.d), there will be a designated unobtrusive place to set up recording equipment.

Concert MPA Festival:

- Middle School: March 12, 2004, FSU Opperman Music Hall
 - Warm-up will probably be in Lindsey Recital Hall
 - Judges: Tim Willis, Wayne Whitman, Bruce Brazinski (SR - TBA)
- High School: March 12-13, 2004, Leon High School Auditorium
 - Judges: Mike Mitchell, Cindy Berry, Mike Waller, Eddie Paige (SR)
- Please tell Chuck of any scheduling requests.

Nominations for New Officers:

These people were nominated for district chairman:

Josh Bula
Alex Kaminsky

These people were nominated for district secretary:

Mike Antmann
Josh Bula
Aaron Trkovsky

We will vote to elect new officers from this list at the next meeting on January 17.

Item 10: State MPA Dates and Sites

North State S&E - March 29, 30, 31, 2004 - Westport High School (Ocala)

North State - April 27-May 1, 2004 - Florida State University, Tallahassee

Item 11: Nominations for Adjudicators List

Alex Kaminsky nominated Mike German for Music Performance, Marching & Maneuvering, and General Effect.

PASSED

Jon Jones nominated Mark Justin Walker, assistant director of bands at Troy State University. He has 8 years experience teaching high school and college, as well as extensive tuba and euphonium performance experience. Jon provided us with Mark's resume. PASSED

Item 12: Suggestions to State Committees

Clinic Committee:

- A clinic or panel discussion on teaching in a small-town school as your first job.

All-State Committee (from above discussion on All-State auditions):

- Sight reading could have been more musical
- Middle school sight reading should be in a key that is within the scales they are required to prepare
- Perhaps the middle school audition should include more scales

Item 13: Proposals to the Executive Board

none

Item 14: Other

Item 15: For the Good of the Association

Lincoln High School will be performing at the CBDNA/NBA southern division conference in Atlanta.

Congratulations to Dr. Bentley Shellahamer for his induction into the FBA Roll of Distinction.

Item 16: Next Meeting Date

January 17, 2004 10:00am at Leon High School. You must bring the following to this meeting to avoid a \$50.00 late fee:

- Solo Entry form
- Ensemble entry form
- Concert band entry form(s)
- Jazz entry form if applicable
- Assessment form:
 - Assessment amount will be on the website sometime in December, and Josh Bula will also e-mail you to notify you of the amount
 - Concert Band recordings are \$10.00 each
 - You must enter "Festival program disc" for \$20.00 into the Assessment section of the FESTIVAL program also
- Cover and Signature sheet, signed by you and your principal
- A check for the Assessment amount, made out to "Florida Bandmasters Association District 3"

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please notify Josh Bula or Chuck Perego and make arrangements for your entry materials to be sent to either of them in advance.

Item 17: Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn (Hill/Trkovsky) PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

Name of District Secretary:

Josh Bula

Signature: