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FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 69th year DISTRICT MEETING #3 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-04)

DISTRICT NUMBER: District 10	MEETING DATE: 1/24/05
MEETING NUMBER: 3	MEETING LOCATION: Eau Gallie High School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Ian Schwindt called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at Eau Gallie High School. We introduced ourselves as there were a few new faces present.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Jean Diaz – Clearlake M.S.

Jennifer Peters – Southwest M.S.

David Fleenor – Hoover M.S.

Robin Ryon – Bayside H.S.

Jennifer Zahn – Titusville High School

Tash David - Parkway M.S.

Donna Bradham - St. Cloud M.S.

John R. Stewart – St. Cloud H.S.

Dave Schrier – Osceola H.S.

Mark Nelson -Satellite H.S.

Frank Diaz – Satellite H.S.

Da-Laine Chapman – Brevard County Schools

Michelle Couch - Covenant Christian School

Julie Gibson – Kennedy M.S.

Jimmy Higgenbotham – Rockledge H.S.

Thomas Singletary – Eau Gallie H.S.

Robert Clark - Eau Gallie H.S.

Patty Lowe – Space Coast Jr./Sr. High

Ed Anderson – Space Coast Jr./Sr. High

Dietrich Vasquez – Horizon M.S.

Mark Sanders - Central M.S.

Scott Smith - Melbourne H.S.

Heather Schleicher – De Laura M.S.

Steve Schleicher – De Laura M.S.

Mike Rowsey – Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy

Mike Waller - Westshore Jr./Sr. High

Chuck Brooker - Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High

Bill Henley - OSCA

Russ Weaver – OCSA
David Ammerman – Astronaut H.S.
Ben Katz – Madison M.S.
Sean Luce – Palm Bay H.S.
Richard Pait – Stone M.S.
Doug Harris – Palm Bay H.S.
Laurie Broadway – Jefferson M.S.
Carol Allen – Sabal Elementary
Steve Murray – Edgewood Jr./Sr. High
Dustin Werner – Merritt Island H.S.

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Harris/Broadway Motion to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes. - Passed.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Assessments are higher due to less gate receipts, rising travel and hotel costs etc.

Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues

Frank Diaz, our district representative for advocacy had no up-dates for this meeting, however; Mr. Schwindt stressed the importance of publicizing our events and concerts for our school and district. Ms. Chapman explained that we need a statement of intent for our profession and organizations. We need to know where we have been, where we are, and where we are going.

Item 6: Communications

None.

Item 7: Unfinished Business

Duane Hendon is addressing our motion of the executive board concerning ordering directly from Medalcraft.

FBA has hired a publicity person to assist the FBA.

Item 8: Committee Reports

None.

Item 9: New Business

S&E MPA Entry forms and disks collected by Michelle Couch.

S&E Information: Please e-mail any title changes to Michelle Couch at <u>FBA10SE@aol.com</u>. We will have a split panel again this year for Jazz MPA because one of our jazz band adjudicator's will not be able to be here for all of the events.

The amount of percussion adjudicator's and rooms might vary according to the amount of percussion students playing. Therefore, we might need to add percussion on the Thursday jazz band concert evening.

Doug Lauts will be providing the piano's again for the event. Carol Allen will print this year's Jazz band programs. You must e-mail Carol the titles of your selections by February 10th to be included in the program. We need a volunteer to record jazz band M.P.A. (we already have the equipment).

Please encourage all of your students to visit the concession stands at Satellite High School during these festival events.

High school directors must get their state solo and ensemble lists to Michelle Couch by the Monday after Solo and Ensemble.

Concert MPA

Dates: March 16, 2005 will be at Osceola School for the Arts. March 17, 18, 19, 2005 will be at Satellite High School.

Site: Osceola School for the Arts and Satellite High School.

Other Info: Pictures will be taken on the stage immediately after the performance while the students are on stage.

Motion: Harris/Stewart - If Walter's Photography is out of business, we will not have pictures taken. Passed.

Carol Allen will be making the programs for Concert M.P.A. Please send all information including: Title, Complete Composer/Arranger's name, Grade to Carol by March 2, 2005.

Any director's who would like to perform in the opposite county of their own, please let Ian Schwindt know immediately.

If you are one of the early bands, please call and make arrangements with the sight host immediately concerning bus parking etc. as school will still be in.

Request by St. Cloud M.S. to go for comments only – Passed.

Eau Gallie High School will be taking a fourth band and would like to go for comments only. – Passed St. Cloud High School would like to take a second band for comments only. This program has been greatly affected by the Harmony High School opening - Passed.

Recording for Concert M.P.A. will be done by Eau Gallie High School and Satellite High School. Director's **must bring your own c.d.'s**. Please bring one c.d. for jazz bands (if you have one performing) and two (2) for each concert performance.

Director's will be video taped at concert festival evaluation. Please **bring a videotape.** This tape will be for you to evaluate your own conducting and how your band performs accordingly. This will in no way affect the rating of your performance. Eventually, we might have a commentator discussing what he/she is seeing during the performance.

So, for this year's M.P.A. <u>directors should bring one blank videotape and 2 blank c.d.'s for each performing group!</u>

Motion: Waller/Singletary – To pursue for our district to higher someone to commentate for videotapes this year. Passed.

John Southall Rich Lundahl Bruce Brazinski Marla Calle SR

Item 10: State MPA Dates and Sites

North Site will be held on March $28^{th} - 30^{th}$ at Bartram Trail High School in Jacksonville. South Site will be held on March 21^{st} - 23^{rd} at Palmetto Ridge High School in Naples.

<u>Please check the FBA website for the most up-dated information.</u> Director's, if you do not receive your applications for State S&E and Concert festival by March, please contact Duane Hendon.

Item 11: Election of Officers

We have a Choice!!!!!!! Both Mark Nelson and Mike Waller were nominated by the membership for district chair. Both candidates would make an outstanding chairman and this district is so blessed to have a choice between two quality people.

Mike Waller was voted district chair for 2005-2007. Richard Pait was selected as district 10 district secretary for 2005-2007.

Item 12: District MPA Dates for Next Year

Motion: Nelson/Ammerman to keep the dates coinciding with this year's events. The district chairman will line up all dates. Passed. The dates have already been sent out on a previous e-mail.

All-State Auditions, Sept 17, 2005 Marching MPA, October 22nd, 2005 Solo and Ensemble/Jazz, Feb, 16-18, 2006 Concert MPA, March 15-18, 2006

Please bring letters to the next meeting for hosting next year's events (including all-state auditions).

Item 13: Nominations for Adjudicators List

Item 14: Nominations for All-State Clinicians

Dr. Myron Welch – University of Iowa - 11-12 Band Mark Nelson – Satellite High School - 9-10 Band Mark Nelson – Satellite High School - All-state Jazz Band Dr. Ken Singleton – 11-12 Band Richard Murphy – McGavock High School – 9-10 Band Terry Jolley – Blackman High School Murfreesboro, Tn. 9-10 Band Mark Rogers San Antonio Texas 11-12 Band Craig Kirchoff – University of Minnesosta 11-12 Band Carol Allen – Sabal Elementary 7-8 Honor Band

Item 15: Suggestions to State Committees

Item 16: Proposals to the Executive Board

Motion: **Clark/Nelson** Direct the Executive Board to approach the Florida High School Athletic Association with a proposal to add two minutes to the halftime of high school football games. **PASSED**

Rationale: As marching bands have developed longer and more elaborate halftime shows, the amount of time needed for a band to get on and off the field has increased. Bands are regularly under intense time constraints to finish a show before halftime ends, and sometimes are even forced to stop a show early so that the football team will not receive a penalty. It can be safely said that the band directors of the FBA are interested in providing the best possible performance opportunity for their students, while continuing to support the school's football programs. I believe that the pressure placed on students and directors due to the possibility of causing the football team to incur a penalty is unfair, and in some cases at some schools has caused hard feelings between band programs and athletic departments.

The current halftime rule allows for 17 minutes with a 3-minute cushion. I would like to propose that halftime be extended to 20 minutes, with a 2-minute cushion. Although this proposal adds only 2 minutes to halftime, I feel that these two minutes will alleviate the pressure often placed on students and directors during halftime performances. I also believe that two minutes added to the halftime is a fairly negligible amount of time compared to an addition of five or more minutes.

It is my opinion that in adding two minutes to the length of halftime, band directors will feel that students are given ample time to perform.

Motion to the Executive Board: **Waller/Murray** To form and fund a standing committee and/or executive board representative for junior/senior high schools. In addition, to have a forum for these directors in conjunction with the middle school/high school meetings at the January clinic/conference. **PASSED**

Rationale: The junior/senior high schools throughout the state have unique issues and challenges associated with the multiple grade levels that they teach. Such concerns include classifications, using middle school students in high school ensembles, using multiple grade levels for concert and marching bands, teaching techniques for multiple grades, shifting your teaching strategies from middle school to high school every day.

Item 16: Other

None.

Item 17: For the Good of the Association

Maynard Ferguson will be performing at The Tupperware Center –Osceola School for the Arts on February 8, 2005.

February 16, 2005 Jazz alto great Jim Snidero will give a Selmer-sponsored master class on jazz phrasing at the OCSA auditorium.

Palm Bay High Jazz Festival will be held on February 26, 2005. Bobby Shew will be performing along with the Palm Bay High and University of Florida Jazz Bands.

University of South Florida Brass Quintet will do a performance and master class February 22, 2005 from 3:45-5:45 at Satellite High School. Please contact Frank Diaz or Mark Nelson for more information or if you are planning to attend.

Please be aware that Drum Major podiums that are not up to code (purchased out of a catalogue) will be inspected by the state.

Pre-Festival Concert Dates:

February 9 Jazz Pre-festival at Satellite High School.

March 1st Astronaut High School.

March 2nd Eau Gallie

March 3rd Merritt Island High

March 9th Satellite High

Item 18: Next Meeting Date

Motion: Singletary/Fleenor - April 11th, 2005 (Monday) District 10 meeting at Charlie and Jakes on Wickham Rd. PASSED.

Item 19: Adjournment Unanimous.

Name of District Secretary: Jim Matthews