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FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 70th year DISTRICT MEETING #4 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-05)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 9	MEETING DATE: 4/26/2006
MEETING NUMBER: 4	MEETING LOCATION: Osceola High School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Chairman Edwards called the meeting to order at 3:28 PM.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Elizabeth Dykes	Pinellas Park MS	Chris Touchton	Southside Fundamental MS
Tim Brightbill	Thurgood Marshall MS	Steve Hull	Kennedy MS
Michele Salmon	Safety Harbor MS	David Tagliarini	Madeira Beach MS
Joey Monahan	Meadowlawn MS	Jeffrey Hoh	Clearwater HS
Madeline Dunsizer	John Hopkins MS	Robin Benoit	Largo MS
Chris Benoit	Largo HS	Dan Zdrodowski	Seminole MS
Daniel Wood	Seminole HS	Jason Obara	Carwise MS
Troy White	Bay Point MS	Max Bygrave	Azalea MS
Anthony Fuoco	Oak Grove MS	Jack Henderson	Pinellas Park HS
Ben Jarvis	Gibbs HS	Josette Harris	Dixie Hollins HS
Paul Rayius	Osceola MS	Nikki Lynch	Coachman Fundamental MS
Melodye Pizarro	Morgan Fitzgerald MS	Mary Jo Blair	Dunedin MS
Donnie Hero	Tyrone MS	Steve Harris	Keswick Christian
Don Edwards	Osceola HS		

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Salmon/Benoit R – motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes - passed

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Current Budget Status:

Proposed Budget for Next Year:

Reports are coming together – will send the report out on Monday – things are okay, but we will need a good gate at next year's marching MPA if we are to keep our assessments low.

Item 5: Announcements, etc.:

None

Item 6: Music Advocacy Issues with FBA and FSMA

Robin Benoit reminded everyone to check the FMEA website for information about emailing your representatives. Discussion of the Fine Art credit – it may not go through. There is also discussion the middle school may have a wheel requirement. They will be voting soon, so flood them with emails saying “NO”.

Item 7: Unfinished Business

Complete adjudicator evaluation forms for Solo/Ensemble and Concert MPA's

None

Item 8: Committee Reports

None

Item 9: New Business

Suggestion of placing the clinic back in for middle school MPA – would mean hiring another person or we could use 2 sight reading judges as used some other districts do.

Discussion of changing S&E to November for middle school – January to the end of school is so busy and the beginning of school is fairly slow. It would give the middle school something to work on at the start of the school year.

Assessment questions – would it be wise to have a contingency fund to cover the tuning and moving of pianos? It would help Jeanne out if she didn't have to pay for it.

Observation that those middle schools who have jazz as a class did significantly better at MPA than those who meet once or twice a week. This is something that the judges should be made aware of.

Setting rooms up by accompanist seemed to work well. Chris Benoit offered to assist Madeline in helping to schedule by accompanist.

Item 10: District Adjudicators for Next School Year

John Keon - jazz and S&E.

Kim McCormick - S&E

Valerie Gillespie - S&E

Tom Viking - marching

Item 11: Nominations for State MPA Adjudicators

None

Item 12: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)

None

Item 13: Suggestions to State Committees

None

Item 14: Proposals to the Executive Board

(must be in the form of a motion)

Tagliarini/Salmon:

Motion: Both boxes of middle school sight reading should include music for MD and MC bands.

Rationale: Many directors bring second and third bands to MPA. It is discouraging to these younger, less experienced students to be expected to sight read the same level of music as the advanced groups. It would be more rewarding for these students to be expected to sight read music at their level of ability and playing experience.

Item 15: Coorespondence

None

Item 16: For the Good of the Association

Discussion of problems with the band programs at Lakewood HS and Bay Point MS – magnet programs make it very difficult for the students to take band. At Lakewood students who are in CAT cannot take band at all. So far the union has done nothing to help. Jeanne is meeting with the Lakewood principal to try to work out the schedule. Too many great musicians choose Lakewood and then never play again. Parents need to get involved.

Chairman Edwards thanked everyone for their support over the past two years.

Lincoln Center Jazz is at Ruth Eckerd on April 27.

Go to summer conference. It's an enjoyable time.

Upcoming Concerts: too many to list

Summer Convention: FBA – July 13, 14, 15. FOA – July 17, 18, 19. FVA – July 20, 21, 22.

Job Openings Next Year: John Hopkins Middle School – still looking for a band/string person.

Teachers of the Year: PCMEA - Frank Williams – Boca Ciega High School

Retirements: None

Item 17: Next Meeting Date

August 12, 2006 at Madeline Dunsizer's house – meeting will start at 5:00 and a covered dish dinner will follow after the meeting is completed. Spouses are welcome to come.

Item 18: Adjournment

Name of District Secretary:

Signature: