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FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 70th year DISTRICT MEETING #3 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-05)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 16	MEETING DATE: 1/12/06
MEETING NUMBER: 3	MEETING LOCATION: Norland Senior High

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Anthony Simons III at 7:00 PM.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Anthony Simons III, Kenneth Tolbert, Brian C. Wuttke, Fernando Collar, Erich S. Rivero, Jason Cochrac, Peter Muller, Stephen K. Rivero, Gayle Cubberley, Bringle Cidel, Kim Thorpe, Ray Modia, Bill Shepard, Eddy Garcia, Jenni Miller, Bobby Jackson, and Tim Blaha

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Minutes have been posted online and accepted by the membership.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Mr. Simons gave the treasurers report for Susana Lalama. The District 16 balance is \$6,334.00 without the current registration assessments.

Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues

Please pay close attention to all correspondence from the district and state level. Email alerts are being sent out by the Executive Board and Lobbyists. They are lobbying on the behalf of bands in the state of Florida.

Item 6: Communications

Bill Shepard from Coral Gables Senior High School sent a letter out to the district and state membership regarding the cancellation of the districts Marching Band Performance Assessment. He feels that peer judging or going to another district to be evaluated should be done in lieu of cancellation. He felt that their needs to be better communication in our district. Mr. Shephard feels that FBA should not have been cancelled. He feels that not enough was done to have the event.

Mr. Simons and other members discussed the letter with Mr. Shephard. Mr. Simons did try to secure other facilities to hold the event. He did contact several of the members to notify them what was transpiring. Email was not operational at the time due to not having power.

Stephen Rivero interjected that he had also researched several locations for the venue and was unsuccessful. He stated that he even offered to hold FBA Marching MPA at his competition. Lee Johanson also agreed that it was a good decision to cancel.

However it was the district chairman's decision not to proceed with the MPA. Mr. Simon's rationale was that he was not able to secure a location for the assessment, bands had not been practicing due to the hurricane devastation, directors' would not be able to get in touch with their band members in time.

Item 7: Unfinished Business

CD recorders purchase by our district. A committee was formed to price out and purchase recorders. The two people that are on the committee are Mr. Eddy Garcia and Jenni Miller.

Mr. Simons also let the district know about the monies left over by the non payment of the marching judges will be used to help our assessment amount. They will create a "rainy day fund."

We need to update the email list for the district. All district 16 members should email Erich Rivero at erivero@dadeschools.net and visit the FBA District 16 web site and sign in their email address.

Erich Rivero announced to please turn in all registration materials for MPA's at this time.

Item 8: Committee Reports

None at this time.

Item 9: New Business

A Discussion was held as to whether the Middle School Jazz MPA should be postponed to March when the S & E is to take place. The membership decided to keep the evaluation at the scheduled date and not to change the event.

S&E MPA Entry forms and disks collected

S&E Information:

District 16 Concert MPA High School

Dates: February 16 – 18, 2006

Site: Ferguson H.S.

Other Info:

District 16 Concert MPA Middle School

Dates: April 4 – 6, 2006

Site: Ferguson H.S.

Other Info:

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Item 10: State MPA Dates and Sites

North State S&E: March 27, 28, 29, 2006 West Port High School in Ocala

South State S&E: **April 10, 11, 12, 2006 Northeast High School in Ft. Lauderdale (updated)**

North State Band: April 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 2006 Ft. Walton Beach High School in Ft. Walton Beach

South State Band: April 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 2006 Vero Beach High School, Vero Beach

Item 11: Election of Officers (if applicable)

Reorganization of the District Executive Board. Both Erich S. Rivero and Jason Cochran will serve as Interim Secretaries for District 16. This is due to Darryl Baker's departure from our district.

Item 12: District MPA Dates for Next Year

Recommended Proposed Dates

District 16 Marching MPA High School

Date: November 4, 2007

Motion: P. Muller/P. Smith Outcome: **PASSED**

Rain Out Day: November 7, 2006

Motion: P. Muller/K. Thorpe Outcome: **PASSED**

Clarification by the chairman: The rain out day is not mandatory for schools to go to.

District 16 Concert MPA Middle School

Dates: April 18, 19, & 20, 2007

Motion: Garcia/Pace Outcome: **PASSED**

District 16 Concert MPA High School

Dates: March 15, 16, & 17, 2007

Motion: S. Rivero/B. Wuttke Outcome: **PASSED**

District 16 H.S. S&E/Jazz MPA

Dates: February 9 – 10, 2007

Motion: S. Rivero/B. Wuttke Outcome: **PASSED**

District 16 Middle School S &E/Jazz MPA

Dates: March 23 & 24, 2006

Motion: S. Rivero/L. Johanson Outcome: **PASSED**

Item 13: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)

None

Item 14: Nominations for All-State Clinicians

High School All State Jazz Band Stephen K. Rivero

Motion: E. Rivero/J. Pace Outcome: **PASSED**

High School All State Jazz Band Ed Maina

Motion: K. Tolbert/J. Pace Outcome: **PASSED**

High School All State Jazz Band Lindsey Seargent

Motion: A. Simons/J. Pace Outcome: **PASSED**

Item 15: Suggestions to State Committees

To allow Elementary School bands to be evaluated at FBA.

Item 16: Proposals to the Executive Board

Motion: To Keep the current Solo and Ensemble numbers when the new list is compiled.

Motion: Shepard/ Garcia Outcome: **PASSED**

Item 16: Other

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Discussion of why we don't use FIU's University Park Stadium brought up by Peter Muller. The response by Mr. Simons is that the stadium we use we do not pay for the stadium, police, or any other expense. The county pays for it all.

Item 17: For the Good of the Association

Spring Break for Miami Dade County Public School is April 2 – 6, 2007 for the 2006-07 school year.

Mr. Simons announced that attendance from District 16 was down to 30% at the FMEA Convention in Tampa. He encouraged all members to attend all convention of FBA. i.e. (Summer and in January).

Mr. Tolbert announces an opening at John F. Kennedy Middle School in Miami. Anyone interested please contact the school directly. He also stated that problems with the district should be dealt with by the district and that the district membership should follow the chain of command in protocol.

Erich S. Rivero announces about the Killian Jazz Festival that will be taking place in the middle of March. Also announces for everyone to read the state minutes about the new recertification procedures for FBA Judges. There will be a Marching Adjudicator certification course in Orlando at the Summer Convention. He also encouraged directors to go listen to the MPA's besides their own group for professional growth.

Mr. Simons congratulated to the Killian Concert Jazz Band at the FMEA Convention in Tampa.

Steve Rivero made a clarification that the assessment needs to be off marching numbers not concert numbers. Steve also announced that anyone interested in playing in the North Miami Community Band to please come out on Wednesday evenings.

Item 18: Next Meeting Date

South Dade High School

Item 19: Adjournment

Called at 9:35 PM

Motion to adjourn called: S. Rivero/P. Muller Outcome: **PASSED**

Name of District Secretary: Erich S. Rivero & Jason Cochrac

Signature: *Erich S. Rivero / Jason Cochrac*