



FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 72nd year
DISTRICT MEETING #4 MINUTES
(ver. 08-07)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 3	MEETING DATE: May 5, 2008
MEETING NUMBER: 4	LOCATION: Golden Corral, Perry Florida

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Josh Bula, district chairman.
Thank you to Brett Wilson for making the arrangements for the meeting room.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Josh Bula – Leon H.S.
Mike German – Lawton Chiles H.S.
Brett Wilson – Taylor County H.S.
Monica Liemer – Godby H.S.
Ken Michael – Suwannee M.S.
Quincy Griffin – Rickards H.S.
Marcus Sims – Nims M.S.
Holly Kennedy – Cobb M.S.
Chuck Perego – Raa M.S.
Jason Schmauch – Taylor County M.S.

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Minutes are online at www.flmusiced.org/fba
Motion to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes: Perego/Liemer Passed.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Current Budget Status: \$2-3,000.00 Projected Balance
Proposed Budget for Next Year:

Item 5: Announcements, etc.:

None

Item 6: Music Advocacy Issues with FBA and FSMA

See www.flmusiced.org

Update on SB 1914 and Senator Lynn's amendment

Budget Cuts—

- Actively advocate against cutting music from elementary schools
 - Music programs may need to take their "share" of cuts, but no more than other programs, and they should definitely not be 'singled out' for cuts at any level.
 - Middle and High School Boosters can help with this
- Transportation Costs with the rise in fuel costs
 - May effect travel costs to games, MPA's and other performances.
 - It might be helpful to have some discussion about innovative and flexible ways that could be considered to address essential elements of what we do, if costs become so high as to prohibit large group travel except for those things deemed most important.

- Active booster groups are going to be really essential—not only for extra fundraising in the bad times, but for public support of programs to school boards.
- See the upcoming May 2008 *Florida Music Director* for an article written by the FMEA Executive committee that will address some of these budgeting issues.

Much discussion of the above items ensued with concern to be involved in the process.

Item 7: Unfinished Business

Comments/Suggestions regarding District S&E or Concert MPAs:

- Discussion of the adjudication ensued
- Clearer instructions for where the bands were supposed to go upon arrival
- Thank you to Godby and Leon for hosting and providing the great student helpers.

Dates for next year:

- All-State Auditions—September 20, 2008
- Marching MPA—October 25, 2008—Concessions: Lincoln
- All-District Auditions—December 13, 2008
- All-District –January 22-24, 2009
- Solo/Ensemble –February 6-7, 2009 @ FAMU (Aux at Madison, if it's ok with Geoff)
- Middle School Concert-- March 5-6, 2009 at Godby High School (if ok with Monica)
- High School Concert—March 6-7, 2009 at Leon High School/or FAMU?

Item 8: Committee Reports

All District Clinicians: Dave Plack for HS and Amy Acklin for M.S.

Tentative Audition Date: December 13, 2008

Sites will be determined at the August meeting

Item 9: New Business

None.

Item 10: District Adjudicators for Next School Year

Send suggestions to Mike German.

Item 11: Nominations for State MPA Adjudicators

John Laverty –Syracuse University

John Carmichael – USF

Item 12: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)

none

Item 13: Suggestions to State Committees

Sight-Reading Committee: Review Middle School Sight-Reading pieces for appropriateness. Many middle school directors felt the MC was too long and/or difficult this year.

Item 14: Proposals to the Executive Board

Motion M.Scott/Q.Griffin: to allow 8th graders to voluntarily March with High School Band

Justification: Promote Musicianship in the middle school students by greater exposure to the high school players and promote retention in the high school programs.

Concerns: Possible social implications between the very young students with very old students, burnout on marching band by the time they reach high school, and the fact that this has been brought before the board almost every year by other districts and it is always defeated.

Motion Defeated.

Item 15: Correspondence

none

Item 16: For the Good of the Association

There is a need to find a way to get middle school students to continue in the high school programs.
Exchange of ideas retention of 8th graders into the high school band program.

1. High School mini concert – meet and greet with high school members.
2. Have high school students go to middle school and work with middle school students.
3. Exposure to band after middle school.
4. Help make sure all students are having a positive experience in their middle school band.
5. Middle-School Night at football games

Summer Convention: July 10-12, 2008, Altamonte Springs Hilton

Taylor County Arts Festival May 10th

Thanks to Josh Bula to his service to the District.

Item 17: Next Meeting Date

Item 18: Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Monica /Perego

Meeting Adjourned 7:40pm

Name of District Secretary:

Mike German

Signature