



FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 72nd year
DISTRICT MEETING #3 MINUTES
(ver. 08-07)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 5	MEETING DATE: 01/17/08
MEETING NUMBER: 3	LOCATION: Lecanto High School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Robert Cook.
Thanks for being patient with the new festival online system. With your help FBA continues to make progress in the area of online registration. Thanks to the Lecanto HS Band Booster for dinner.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Robert Cook - River Ridge HS
Jeanne Kleckner - Chasco MS
Tonya Langdon – Paul R. Smith MS
Tark Katzenmeyer – Ridgewood HS
Bruce Brazinski – DS Parrott MS
Gwen Brazinski – Guest
Aaron Woodfin – Lecanto HS
Kyle Ferland – Crystal River HS
Brian York – Citrus HS
Joe Harrin – Hernando HS
Rick Wohl – Land O’ Lakes HS
Ed Evans – Pasco HS
Amy Wood – Centennial MS
Kenny Mathis – Pasco MS
Steve Herring – Pine View MS
George DeGuzman – Wiregrass Ranch HS
Travis Henry – River Ridge MS
Kathy Thompson – Challenger K-8
Tim Brightbill – Nature Coast Tech HS
Mike Williams – Crystal River MS
Mary Harvey – Wesley Chapel HS

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Motion to waive the reading of the previous minutes: Henry/Mathis - PASSED

Item 4: Treasurer’s Report

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Motion to accept the treasurer’s report: Brazinski/Harrin - PASSED

Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues

Legislature: The Florida Senate would like to have students take a set amount of physical education per week. This would mean adding more requirements to an already overloaded school day. Thus, students would have even less room in their schedules for elective courses. Funding for extra PE coaches would have to come from somewhere, perhaps electives. Most likely elective activities would lose more teacher units in the process as well. Please help the other elective teachers at your school understand what is at

stake. Parents should be in contact with the local representative from our voting district so that this legislature is not accepted.

If a PE credit is required in high school, the fine arts credit may disappear.

Item 6: Communications

Matt Bruzzi from Carver Middle School in Sumter County District 19 would like to bring his band to the District 5 Middle School Concert Band MPA.

Motion to accept his request: Brazinski/Thompson - PASSED

Item 7: Unfinished Business

Excessive Participation – Where does FBA stand on this situation? Due to the popularity of the Florida Marching Band Championships more directors than ever before are going on the road and competition with their marching bands. Some bands are on the road nearly every weekend from around the beginning of October to mid-November. The concern students are on the road so much has become an issue with administrators. Administrators have asked FSMA to address the situation. FSMA has looked to our association for answers. We are considered the experts on band in the state of Florida.

In November 2007 Jon Kersten, founder of FMBC sent a letter to FSMA requesting that his organization be brought under the auspices of FSMA or at least be recognized as an official organization in the state of Florida. This issue was passed on to the FBA and we were asked to help FSMA make a decision on whether or not FMBC should be recognized as an official element in music education. Basically the current philosophy of FMBC (competition based festivals) does not line up with the FBA philosophy of a grade system. Again FSMA looks to us for answers. We are the official band association in the state of Florida.

Generally the district agrees with the decisions made.

Item 8: Committee Reports

NONE

Item 9: New Business

Entry forms, disks, and assessment checks collected

Solo & Ensemble Information:

Dates: February 8th and 9th

Site: Lecanto High School

Host: Aaron Woodfin

Jazz Band MPA Information:

Dates: February 7

Site: Wesley Chapel HS

Host: Mary Harvey

Concert MPA Information:

High School MPA

Dates: March 6,7,8

Site: Wesley Chapel HS

Host: Mary Harvey

Middle School MPA

Dates: March 27 & 28

Site: River Ridge HS

Host: Robert Cook and Travis Henry

Item 10: State MPA Dates and Sites

Solo/Ensemble

North: April 7-8 – West Port HS, Ocala FL

South: March 31 – April 2 – Taravella HS, Coral Springs FL

Concert Band:

North/Central: April 14 – 18

South: April 14 – 18 Vero Beach HS

Item 11: Election of Officers (if applicable)

Accepting nominations.

New District Chairman needs to attend the FBA State Board meeting in May.

The new district chairman is Joe Harrin.

The district secretary election was tabled until the April meeting.

Item 12: District MPA Dates for Next Year

Marching MPA: November 8 Henry/Harrin PASSED

Alternate date: Nov. 15 Brazinski/Herring PASSED

Jazz/S&E: February 12-Jazz February 13,14 –S&E Henry/Brazinski PASSED

Alternate date: Feb. 5,6,7 Henry/Harvey PASSED

High School Concert MPA: March 12,13,14 Harvey/Thompson PASSED

Alternate date: March 5,6,7 Henry/Wood PASSED

Middle School Concert MPA: March 26-28 Henry/Brazinski PASSED

Alternate date: April 2-4 Harvey/Herring PASSED

Item 13: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)

Steve Herring-concert and jazz Herring/Brightbill PASSED

Archie (Chip) Birkner – S/E Percussion, Marching Band Percussion Harrin/Mathis PASSED

Item 14: Nominations for All-State Clinicians

Gary Bottomley-Middle School Concert Band or MS Honor Band Henry/Harrin PASSED

Item 15: Suggestions to State Committees

NONE

Item 16: Proposals to the Executive Board

(must be in the form of a motion)

NONE

Item 16: Other

Item 17: For the Good of the Association

Day of Percussion at Wesley Chapel High School Feb. 2nd 10:00 am – 6:30 p.m.

The percussion concert will begin at 5:00. Free of charge.

Clinician: Professor Jeff Moore – The University of Central Florida, Orland, FL

January 26 – Pasco County All-County Band concert – 4:00 at Wesley Chapel

February 16 – Joint concert of Wesley Chapel's band and a band from Syracuse NY. The concert is at 4:00 at Wesley Chapel.

Item 18: Next Meeting Date

April 24 at River Ridge HS. Dinner at 6:00, meeting at 7:00. Henry/Harrin PASSED

Item 19: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:32: Harrin/Katzenmeyer PASSED

Name of District Secretary:

Jeanne Kleckner

Signature: