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## FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 72<sup>nd</sup> year

### DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES

(ver. 08-07)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 8</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: August 15, 2007</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 1</b>	<b>LOCATION: Rollins College</b>

#### Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks – 3:51

Thank you to Bryan Cole and Super Holiday Tours for providing refreshments before our meeting.  
Thank you to Rollins College for the use of their facility and technology

#### Item 2: Members and Guests Present, Mentor Assignments

Brian Sullivan – Glenridge MS	Missie Ellis – Lakeview MS	Caitlin McGuire - Blankner
Philip Obado – University	Keith Nichols – Conway MS	Lindsay Foster – Wolf Lake MS
Jeanie Berry – Southwest MS	Sean W. – Winter Park HS	Chris Cannon – Apopka HS
Chris Perez – Freedom HS	Jason Ford - Piedmont Lakes MS	Lindi Jaques – Walker MS
Joel Moody – Winter Park HS	Chris Sego – Chain of Lakes MS	Ken Boyd – West Orange HS
Melissa Sandusky – Howard MS	Jeremy Robbins – Olympia	Jeff Willis – Cypress Creek HS
Matt Kaminskis – Dr. Philips HS	Jennifer Young – Apopka MS	Dereck Shapiro – Cypress Creek HS
Linda Orantia – Windy Ridge	Adam Steff – University	Leo Lamos – Wekiva HS
Mark Ellis – Apopka HS	Skip Perry – Lakeview MS	Mary Briggins – Westridge MS
Charles Watford – Dr. Philips HS	Susan Watford – Union Park MS	Mark Sorrells – Liberty
Marianne Flanigan – Colonial HS	James Henderson – Boone HS	Pam Guess – Arbor Ridge
Robert Krahn – West Orange HS	Melvin Wright – Evans HS	Katie Swain Hoey – Avalon MS
Mike Parks – OCPS	Kelvin Gunter – Robinswood MS	Kedrick Redding – Carver MS
Rufus Redding – Jones HS	Darius Langston – Lee MS	Abby Mejeur – Edgewater HS
Jeremy Langford – Olympia HS	John Antmann – Freedom MS	Mike Antmann – Bridgewater MS
Rob Connelly – Boon Hs	Tim Douglass – Odyssey MS	Christina Dimitry – South Creek MS
Michael Simmons – Memorial MS	Becky Gonzalez – Corner Lake MS	Mark Carter – Ocoee HS
Bruce Green – Meadowbrook MS	Bernie Hendricks – Ocoee HS	Hannah Jennings – Legacy MS

#### Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Please visit the FBA website at [www.flmusiced.org/fba](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba)  
Motion by F. Jennings/Boyd to accept minutes as is- passed

#### Item 4: Treasurer's Report

The proposed budget reflects only minor changes from last year.  
We currently have \$480.97 in our checking account and are awaiting a check from FSMA totaling \$7,777.19. Budget statements will be issued each meeting.

#### Item 5: Next Meeting Date and Place

November 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM at Freedom High School  
Dr. Winds will have Solo and Ensemble music set up before the meeting starts, more info will be sent in the coming weeks.

## **Item 6: Music Advocacy Issues-FBA/FSMA**

There are new links on the FMEA website. FMEA has made it extremely easy for us and our band parents to contact the legislatures by email or appointment. You will find alerts and instructions, and sample request letters to send to legislators. There is also a section to guide you in your first appointment with a legislature.

Something to be very concerned about: there is a potential bill on the Governors books right now to have PE everyday for grades 6-8. You and your band parents need to send letters, emails, and schedule appointments with our legislatures now.

Legislatures meet in our busy time of the year, March and April. Although you will be busy, you need to be checking the site daily for alerts. The time to build a relationship with our legislatures is now while they are not in session. On the FMEA website there is a link with step by step by step instructions on contacting your specific legislature. Plan a meeting, it's not as scary as it sounds.

## **Item 7: Announcements**

FMEA Awards Nomination forms are in the Florida Music Director Magazine.

Congratulations to Jodi Wunsch for completing her Master's Degree from American Band College!  
Congratulations to Eric Mendez for doing a great job at the FSU Summer Music Camps. Also, the Maitland MS Band has been selected to represent Orange County in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Band Symposium at Florida Southern College. John Gorecki will be on the panel for the symposium as well. Symposium to be held Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Cliff Walker and the Timber Creek Percussion Ensemble for being selected to perform at FMEA this year

Congratulations to Michael Antmann for completing his Master's Degree from THE Florida State University!

Congratulations to Katie Swain Hoey for completing her Master's Degree from UCF!

## **Item 8: Communications/Distribution of Packets**

All paperwork will be distributed via email this year. If you have not already received an email from Hannah that means she doesn't have an email address for you. Please send it to her ASAP. Pay close attention to your Pink FBA calendar.

## **Item 9: Unfinished Business**

A letter was presented from Timber Creek HS to host Middle School Concert MPA. Motion to accept Boyd/F. Jennings - Passed

## **Item 10: Committee Reports**

- MPA Programs – Keith Nichols

Please submit all program requirements on time this year. Anything submitted after the deadline will not be printed in the MPA programs. Program deadlines will be sent by Keith for each MPA as well as examples of what to submit.

- Marching MPA Middle School Mass Band - Christina Dimitry and Nicole Nasrallah

Looking for local government official to serve as guest conductor; This year we are seeking corporate sponsorship for the mass band t-shirts; music will remain the J. Kinyon arr. of the Star Spangled Banner, should be in the courier to all middle schools by the second week of school; last year we only had 300+ students; two years ago we had over 700. We all need to participate. The more middle school students we have...the higher the gate will be.

-Marching MPA – Bernie Hendricks

Continue working with the Marks Foundation and the City of Orlando to solidify logistics on the Citrus Bowl.

## Item 11: New Business

Membership Dues & Enrollment Forms Due September 11 (earlier than last year). Send to FMEA or pay online at [www.flmusiced.org](http://www.flmusiced.org). Students will not be allowed to audition for All-State if band director is not a member of FBA by September 1st.

Classification Forms due October 1 to the District Chairman. Principal and Director Signature Required

Report the enrollment of your **ENTIRE SCHOOL**, not just your band program.

Senior High: Report grades 9, 10, 11, 12 or 10, 11, 12 as appropriate

Junior High: Report Grades 7, 8, and 9 (unless you plan to not use any 7th graders in any phase of MPA, then only count 8th and 9th graders)

Middles School: Report Grades 7 and 8 only

FINE: 50.00 for submitting this form late (Payable to FBA) \$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline.

Form is on the FBA website: [www.flmusiced.org/fba](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba)

Hannah gave a demonstration on the proper way to complete the classification form as well as the all-state forms. Please do them correctly. Thanks!

All State Auditions: (forms are in August Bulletin and on [www.flmusiced.org/fba](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba) )

Site: Ocoee High School

Date: September 8, 2007

Deadline: August 27, 2007

Fees: \$20 per entry. (\$10 per entry fee for FBA, and \$10 recording fee per entry)

LATE FINES: \$50.00 for submitting forms late (Payable to FBA) \$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline.

\*Be aware of the difficulties of using county funds for all-state fees. It is too late. Internal account checks from your school should be used.

Band director must be a member of FMEA/FBA by September 1 in order to have students audition for all-state.

Small School Honors Band and 7-8th Grade Honor Band Nomination: forms due September 26, 2007.

Forms are in August Bulletin and on [www.flmusiced.org/fba](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba)

Completed forms and fees should be sent to the respective chairman whose name and address are on the form.

Marching Band MPA:

Date: November 3, 2007

Site: Citrus Bowl

Entry Form Due Date (to district chairman): September 26, 2007

Program info due to Keith Nichols Sept 14th

No assessment money collected at this time.

Assistance needed from Middle School/Junior High directors; Contact Hannah or Bernie for volunteer assignments

Nominations for the Oliver Hobbs Award (see latest "Florida Bandmaster"): Congratulations to Tim Douglass

Nominations for the Tom Bishop Award (see latest "Florida Bandmaster"): Congratulations to Jack Eaddy

All FBA is using the new MPA on-line this year. Please familiarize yourself with the program now and get your student rosters in now. There will be two work sessions for using the on-line MPA... Sept. 12 at (West) Bridgewater MS (Mike Antmann) 4 PM and (East) Legacy MS (Hannah Jennings) 5 PM

Reclassification letters from Apopka High School – Motion to accept Douglas/Perry – Passed

Reclassification Letter from Meadow Woods MS – Out of order – Wrong classification listed

May 8<sup>th</sup> FBA meeting be moved from Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup> to Monday May 7<sup>th</sup> due to the possibility of Tuesday night Spring Concerts. - Accepted

Discussion to move middle school concert MPA due to the fact that it falls on the same week as high school state solo & ensemble. There is no other feasible date for MS concert MPA so the date will remain the same

## **Item 12: District MPA Dates and Sites**

Solo and Ensemble MPA (MS/JH): February 21-23, 2008 at Colonial High School  
Solo and Ensemble MPA (High School): February 7-9, 2008 at Timber Creek High School  
Concert (JH/MS): April 17-19, 2008, Timber Creek High School  
Concert (High School): February 28-29 and March 1, 2008 at Freedom High School

## **Item 13: District MPA Adjudicators**

Marching MPA - Tom Fitzpatrick, Rodester Brandon, William Agrella, Steve Kelly

As soon as we have the contracts from the others, I'll forward the info to the district.

## **Item 14: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)**

Cichelle Fields – Auxiliary – Nom. By Chris Cannon  
Kurt Gay – Percussion (Marching; S&E) nom. By J. Willis  
Motion to accept nominations Wunsch/ Eaddy - Passed

## **Item 15: Suggestions to State Committees**

Music Committee (before Oct 1st for Concert titles, Dec 1st for S/E):

Clinics Committee: (before Oct 1):

Other: Resubmit Ken Boyd's motion on classification  
Rationale – No one was available to explain/defend this motion at the executive board meeting.

## **Item 16: Proposals to the Executive Board**

## **Item 17: Correspondence**

## **Item 18: For the Good of the Association**

Review the marching band etiquette guidelines that were prepared by Martha Stark and published in the FBA handbook.

Remember that each director is responsible for knowing the rules, policies, and guidelines published in the FBA handbook. Read It!

UCF will be hosting the All-State Preparation Clinic on Saturday, August 25. All directors are invited to a complimentary lunch from 12:00 PM -1:15 PM

The Brass Band of Central Florida will be starting a youth Brass Band. See Brian Sullivan and/or Rob Connolly for further info.

Paula Thorton will be presenting on-line leadership workshops at [Bandleadership.com](http://Bandleadership.com)

## **Item 19: Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn Ford/Ellis – 5:08 PM

### **Name of District Secretary**

Bernie Hendricks, Jr.

### **Signature**