



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

### DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES

(ver. 08-07)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 16</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: August 21, 2007</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 1</b>	<b>LOCATION: Glades Middle School</b>

### Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Erich S. Rivero at 6:06 p.m.
- Acknowledged Mr. Fred Schiff & **All County Music, Inc.** for sponsoring the food and refreshments for our first meeting.

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

Name	School
Kim Thorpe	Arvida MS
Susie Lalama	Barbara Goleman SHS
Carlos Perez	Bob Graham Ed. Ctr.
Kermit Virgil	Booker T. Washington SHS
Jeff Miller	Caoral Gables SHS
Jeff Gross	Centennial MS
Arthur Scavella	Charles R. Drew MS
Brent Monger	Coral Reef SHS
Elissa Vento	Cutler Ridge MS
Curtis Edwards	Doral MS
Tom Serrano	Felix Varela SHS
Erich S. Rivero	Glades MS
Steve Kirkland	Hammocks MS
Jon Hutchinson	Herbert A. Ammons MS
Berman Lopez	Hialeah MS
Rafael Napoles	Hialeah SHS
Eloys George	Hialeah-Miami Lakes SHS
Alexander Gonzalez	Highland Oaks MS
Ryan Ellis	John Ferguson SHS
Lowell Thomas	John Ferguson SHS
Jezabel Joa	Kenwood K-8 Center

Name	School
Bernard Thomas	Linda Linten K-8 Center
Gayle Cubberly	LL Curry MS
Christine Napoles	Mays MS
John McMinn	Miami Central SHS
Manuel A. Camacho II	Miami Coral Park SHS
John Bixby	Miami Killian SHS
Paul Smith	Miami Palmetto SHS
Leo Altamiranda	Miami SHS
Lee Morrison	New World SOTA
John Normandin	Palm Springs MS
Josephine Camacho	Ponce de Leon MS
Eugene Timmons	Robert Morgan Ed. Ctr.
Fernando Collar	Ronald Reagan SHS
Sterling Jones	South Dade MS
Pablo Castaneda	South Miami MS
Jennifer Jimenez	South Miami SHS
Wayne Hoffmann	Turner Tech SHS
Fernando Diez	W.R. Thomas MS
Jessica Gronberg	West Miami MS
Edward Ercilla	Westland Hialeah SHS
Isis D'Angelo	

Special Guests	Affiliation
Roderster Brandon	Miami Dade College, Kendall
Manny & Silvia Perez	Manny Perez Woodwind Repairs
Bill Pender	All-County Music
Brian Wuttke	U. of Miami

### Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

- Motion to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes.

Jiminez/Camacho

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### Item 4: Treasurer's Report

- End of Past Year's Statement: \$1598.13
- FSMA is sending back approx. \$5000

### Item 5: Next Meeting Date and Place

- September 25, 2007 at South Miami S. H.S. begins at 5PM Food, 7-9:30PM Meeting

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

- Legislature tracker on FMEA site, be familiar with it. Invite your politicians to your concert.
- FSMA Legislative Alerts – watch for them and take action
- One Credit Fine Arts requirement in High School
- HS Marching Band PE Waiver reinstated by the State of Florida Legislature
- Ryan Ellis Report
  - Wellness Policy is not going away
  - MS electives should be alright for this year 2007-2008 and 2008-2009

### Item 7: Announcements

- ALL DISTRICT PAPERWORK AND PAYMENTS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED FROM PO BOX, LATE PAYMENT WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED THROUGH PO BOX
    - District 16 PO Box Address is:
      - **FBA District 16**
      - **P.O. Box 161967**
      - **Miami, FL 33116-1967**
- Checks must be made out to Florida Bandmasters Association*

### Item 8: Communications/Distribution of Packets

- Jolesch Photography
  - Issues; pictures not taken well, they left early at jazz festival, school pictures missing for:
    - West Miami MS
    - South Miami SHS
    - Ammons MS
    - WR Thomas MS
  - One year left to their contract with us.
- District Info. (Calendars) Passed Out
- Burning Bush Recording Studios, wants to provide recording services for all MPA events
  - Motion to Accept: Jimenez/Camacho **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### Item 9: Unfinished Business

- Clinics discussion Jazz & Concert
- MPA Photographs Discussion about type quality and receipt of.
- MPA Recording Burning Bush recording Studios
- MPA Venues
- Conducting Commentator Committee
  - This committee has been formed to come up with suggestions as to whom will be commentating on concert band conductors at MS & HS Concert MPA
  - Chair, Tom Serrano, John Bixby, Susie Lalama
- A percussion judge will not be hired to evaluate Marching MPA's for the following reasons:
  - Lack of quality judges that live near Miami-Dade
  - Percussion judging is not part of the overall adjudication score for marching MPA's
  - Due to honorarium changes at the state and district level, the overall budget for the year has increased and does not allow for extra expenditures that are not necessary

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## Item 10: Committee Reports

- Scheduling: Great job last year John Normandin
- Programs
- Public Relations Committee:
  - Chairman Alex Gonzalez, Rafael Napoles, and Christine Napoles
- Mentoring Committee:
  - Erich Rivero and Executive Board

## Item 11: New Business

- A presentation was made by Jennifer Jimenez on the new Online MPA system.
- 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)
  - All State Auditions: (forms are in August Bulletin and on [www.flmusiced.org/fba](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba) )
    - Site: **Barbara Goleman High School Campus**
    - Date: September 15, 2007
    - Deadline: August 31, 2007
    - Fees: \$10.00 per audition
  - LATE FINES: \$50.00 for submitting forms late (Payable to FBA) \$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline.
  - 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 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: Traz Powell Stadium MDCC North
  - Entry Form Due Date (to district chairman): October 10, 2007 RECEIVED PO BOX
  - No assessment money collected at this time.
  - Assistance needed from Middle School/Junior High directors
- FMEA Award Nominations
  - Oliver Hobbs Award Nominee:
    - Eloys George, Director of Bands, Hialeah-Miami Lakes SHS
      - Normandin/Rivero **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
  - Tom Bishop Award Nominee:
    - Christine Napoles, Director of Bands, Arthur & Polly Mays MS
      - Normandin/Gonzalez **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- **High School Marching Bands may not utilize middle School students in their band as per hand book. Anyone doing so will be disqualified at FBA.+**
- MDCPS Booster Bylaws
- Marching Band MPA Participation by Middle School and High School students and Directors.
- New policy of higher alternate assessment for directors that do not participate in the marching MPA

Motion: Rivero/Camacho

**PASSED 19 to 9, ABSTAINED: 17**

## Item 12: District MPA Dates and Sites

- Solo and Ensemble MPA (MS): 3/28-29/07 Ronald Reagan HS/Doral

- Solo and Ensemble MPA (HS): 2/8-9/07 TBA  
Felix Varela HS or Ronald Reagan HS depending on which school will pay the custodial/security personnel.
- MS Concert MPA: 4/21-23/07 Ronald Reagan HS/Doral
- HS Concert MPA: 3/5-8-07 TBA

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

- The district would like us to ask the following adjudicators:
  - HS Jazz, Leon Henderson, from Tallahassee
  - HS Jazz, Andy Kidd
  - HS Jazz, Alan O'Farrill
  - MS & HS Jazz, Chris Dorsey
  - Jazz & Concert MPA, Jermaine Fleming
- MPA Adjudicators TBA

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

- John Normandin, HS & MS Concert, Jazz & S&E
  - Motion: Jimenez/Camacho **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

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

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

- None

### **Item 17: Correspondence**

- Barbara Goleman High School, Host the All-State Auditions, HS S&E
- Felix Varela High School, Host MS & HS S&E, keyboards provided
- Ronald Reagan High School, Host MS Concert, HS & MS S&E, keyboards provided

### **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.
- Rodester Brandon:
  - Miami Dade College Community Band, lead by Eugene Timmons and Rodester Brandon, Honors Band, and HS Forums scheduled for Jan. 17, 2008 (buses will be provided)
- Brian Wuttke:
  - UM will be having their South Florida Honor Band, Bobby Adams conductor, on Feb 15 & 16.
  - Offered his expertise with the Yamaha Harmony Director
- Florida Music Service will be at Coral Gable SHS on Sept. 24, S&E music will be available for purchase and perusal

### **Item 19: Adjournment**

- Motion to Adjourn: Jimenez/Camacho

**Name of District Secretary: Manuel A. Camacho II**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

*Manuel A. Camacho*