



**FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 72<sup>nd</sup> year**  
**DISTRICT MEETING #3**  
(ver. 08-07)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 16</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: December 4, 2007</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 3</b>	<b>LOCATION: Miami Coral Park High School</b>

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

- Called to Order by Erich S. Rivero, Chairman at 7:01 p.m.
- Thanks to Manuel Perez Woodwind Repair for sponsoring today's meeting.
- Special Thanks to Elissa Vento for making the arrangements and picking up the food.

**Item 2: Members and Guests Present**

Manny and Sylvia Perez from Manuel Perez Woodwind Repair were present. Ms. Cathy Zamora from A to Z Apparel who does screen printing and embroidering was also present and was here to introduce herself and her company for your school's needs. (Business cards are available.)

Erich S. Rivero  
Elissa Vento  
Jennifer Jimenez  
Manuel Camacho  
Brent Mounger  
Lee Morrison  
Sterling Jones  
Curtis Edwards  
Jessica Gronberg  
Ryan Ellis  
Gayle Cubberly  
Leo Altamiranda

Rafael Napoles  
Christine Napoles  
Alex Gonzalez  
Arthur Scavella  
Susie Lalama  
Andy Luna  
John Normandin  
Noah Bellamy  
Fernando Collar  
Eddie Ercilla  
Bingle Cidel  
Jeff Gross

Melton Mustafa Florida Memorial University  
Omar Perez new band director working with Ms. Lalama  
Ms. Erika Fernandez is here as a soon-to-be graduate from the University of Miami.  
Mr. Mike Guzman Intern University of Miami.  
Jack McCallister intern from Florida State University  
Mr. Brian Lang, Percussion Instructor at Miami Killian High School

**Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes**

- Waived-Posted Online

**Item 4: Treasurer's Report**

- Checking account balance:
- Laptop purchase for District

**Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues**

- Wellness Policy, High School Fine Arts Elective, Invite a politician to your concert –Mr. Ryan Ellis has served as a constant voice and member of this committee attending all meetings. Please be sure to thank him for this tremendous undertaking. Currently being looked at and lobbied for is that of the 7 or 8 period day. Of the Florida Bandmasters Association, 10 districts have already gone to this.

- Statistics Review of Survey – One Credit H.S. Survey results. Mr. Rivero has asked for the constituents to re-evaluate their view on this issue and be sure to support this. Please consider making a monetary contribution to assist in this vital lobbying.
- All State Statistic and Forms-Provided for each member was a graphic representation of All-State Statistics. Our district was down 21% from the previous year of tapes/cds admitted. Of those submitted, 14.8 % were accepted from Miami-Dade District 16. Please be sure to encourage your students to attend a summer music camp in preparation for All-State. Offered in the district and free to the students is a camp at Hialeah High School, currently staffed by three. If there is a greater interest, more locations may be opened. Also several universities and colleges are offering similar opportunities. Included also was a copy of the new All-State rubric. Please utilize this (note the importance and weight of the scales) with your students in future recruitment. Coach your students on the extra musical nuances (dynamics, vibrato, etc...) necessary.
- Furthermore is a list of the new approved pieces of literature selected by the Concert Music Committee for the 2007-2008 year.
- Include music advocacy within your program and each opportunity that you have as well as think to invite a local politician.

## **Item 6: Communications**

- Jeff Messing from Opus Digital has contacted District 16 asking to do all recordings (both audio and visual) for all events for the 2008-2009 school year. He will be sending a proposal to the district and it will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- In regards to recordings, please contact Coral Reef High School if you have not yet received your recordings from High School Marching Band MPA as all copies have been sent out. (Including any and all student orders.)
- Alan Parker from Jolesch Photography-Last year it was decided that all pictures for evaluations will be/would be framed. Jolesch Photography did send frames in and they were collected by directors for their Marching Bands as well as Concert Bands.

## **Item 7: Unfinished Business**

- Clinics Committee
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Auditioning for All State-Labeled Out of Order at State Meeting

## **Item 8: Committee Reports**

- Clinic committee-Dr. Kyle Prescott was selected by the committee.
- Public Relations Committee-Three networks came to the Marching Band MPA as well as two articles in the Miami-Herald that were instrumental to the attendance of this event. A special thanks to Mr. Alex Gonzalez as well as Mr. and Mrs. Napoles for heading this committee as well as Ms. Gronberg for assisting in revisions. (Shown at the meeting was an excerpt of a news story as presented by the local PBS station.) \$6792 was made at the gate (more than double the previous year). Please encourage more middle school students to participate in the following years in the performance of the National Anthem. The Executive Board has also discussed the possibility of pre-sales for this event (for both high school and middle school.) Discussed also at this time was the need of entries for Solo and Ensemble Festival. Budgeted for this year is a total of 6000 entries for the district. If this is not met, our assessment will then go up next year. Suggested by Mr. Rivero was to encourage/require students to perform a solo bettering themselves as an individual musician and for your ensemble.
- Scheduling Committee-

## **Item 9: New Business**

- Entry forms, disks, and Assessment checks collected from High School Directors-All materials are to be turned in to the district by December 5<sup>th</sup>, therefore, many directors turned there materials in at this meeting to the members of the Executive Board.

- FMBC trying to Merge with FSMA-There are two committees that have been formed by FMEA and FBA meeting that will be meeting this upcoming weekend to discuss this after a heated discussion at the FBA Executive Board meeting in Orlando. Discussed was the retention rate of band members as one looks at middle school thru high school.

H.S. Solo & Ensemble Information:

Dates: February 8-9, 20078

Site: Barbara Goleman High School

M.S. Solo & Ensemble Information

Dates: March 27-28, 2008

Site:Ronald Reagan High School

H.S. Concert MPA Information:

Dates: March 5-8, 2008

Site: Ronald Reagan High School

M.S. Concert MPA Information:

Dates: April 21-23, 2008

Site: Ronald Reagan High School

Other Info:

## Item 10: State MPA Dates and Sites

### 2008 State Concert MPA

**North** - April 14-16, 2008 North Florida University

**North** - April 17, 18, 2008 Bartram Trail High School

Adjudicators

John Southall – Indian River Community College

Al Sergel – Retired from Northwestern Missouri State University

Alfred Watkins – Lassiter High School, Marietta ,Ga

Commentator

Rodney Dorsey – University of Michigan

Lindsey Williams – University of Missouri, Kansas City

### 2008 State Concert MPA

**South** - April 14-18, 2008 Vero Beach High School

Adjudicators

David Ragsdale – University of Alabama in Huntsville

William Gora – Retired , Appalachian State University

Commentator

Glenn Price – University of Calgary

John Carmichael – University of South Florida

### State Solo and Ensembles,Jazz Band & Auxiliary Festival

**South** - Taravella High School Coral Springs, FL March 31-April 1 & 2, 2008

**North** - Westport High School Ocala, FL April 7-9, 2008

## Item 11: Election of Officers

- H.S. Chairman-Mr. Camacho nominated and Mr. Luna seconded for Ms. Jennifer Jimenez for Chairperson. Ms. Lalama was nominated by Mr. Morrison and seconded by Mr. Luna. Ms. Lalama graciously has declined. With 42 votes, none against, and none abstaining, Ms. Jimenez will be the new district chairperson.
- M.S. Chairman-Nominated by Mr. Rivero and seconded by Mr. Edwards was Mr. John Normandin. With 36 votes for, none against and none abstaining, Mr. Normandin accepted.
- H.S. Secretary-Nominated by Mr. Normandin was Mr. Alex Gonzalez. Nominated by Mr. Rivero was Mr. John Bixby. Mr. Brent Mounger and Mr. Lee Morrison motioned and seconded to waive

secret ballot. 6 votes for Mr. Gonzalez and 28 votes for Mr. Bixby with 2 abstaining. Mr. Bixby then accepted his nomination and the position.

- Treasurer-Ms. Vento will be moving to the Treasurer position and there is a need for an Assistant Treasurer. Mr. Rivero has nominated Mr. Sterling Jones and seconded by Mr. Luna. Mr. Jones has been nominated by Mr. Jones and seconded by Ms. Jimenez. Mr. Gonzalez was nominated by Miss Gronberg and seconded by Mr. Rivero. 2 in favor for Mr. Edwards; 4 for Mr. Jones; and 28 for Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Gonzalez will be the Assistant Treasurer.
- Discussed and voted on was the necessity of a duo board for the Executive Board. Mr. Edwards motioned and Mr. Thomas seconded for maintaining the board as a duo board. The motion was passed by 37 votes with none opposed.
- Mr. Camacho has declined to rejoin the board for an additional term and was congratulated for all his fine work.

New Executive Board Officers for Florida Bandmasters Association District 16 consists of the following members:

HS Chairperson-Ms. Jennifer Jimenez

MS Chairperson-Mr. John Normandin

HS Secretary-Mr. John Bixby

MS Secretary-Ms. Jessica Gronberg

Treasurer-Ms. Elissa Vento

Asst. Treasurer-Mr. Alex Gonzalez

Their term will begin after the last meeting in May 2008

## **Item 12: District MPA Dates for Next Year**

- Middle School Concert MPA-Formed will be a committee to select these dates after January of this school year, as the calendar for the district has yet to be set. Mr. Erich Rivero has agreed to chair this committee. Miss Gronberg, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Collar, Mr. Mounger and Mr. Morrison have all agreed to serve on this committee. Motioned by Mr. Rivero and seconded by Miss Gronberg was to table this scheduling and allowing for the committee to begin work on this. Passed unanimously.

## **Item 13: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)**

- Amy Hernandez-Mr. Rivero and Mr. Camacho nominated and seconded for Ms. Hernandez to be nominated for Auxiliary. 31 in favor of Ms. Hernandez-passed.
- Marcos Martinez-Mr. Rivero and Mr. Serrano nominated and seconded for Mr. Martinez to be nominated for Auxiliary. 24 in favor of Mr. Martinez-passed.
- Discussed was the criteria necessary for nominations to this list. Mr. William McKenzie (Woodwind S/E) and Mr. Fernando Mustaffa (Jazz). 21 in favor for Mr. McKenzie beginning his adjudication training, 29 in favor for Mr. Mustaffa. Both passed.

## **Item 14: Nominations for All-State Clinicians**

- Mr. Steve Rivero was chosen to direct the All-State Honor Band in 2010. Mr. Rivero, now in Broward County, was in our district for many, many years. Congratulations.
- Brandon-was recommended for the conducting of the All-State 11<sup>th</sup> and 12 Symphonic Band by Mr. Lee Morrision.

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

No suggestions were made at this time.

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

(must be in the form of a motion) No proposals were made to the board.

## Item 17: For the Good of the Association

- Discussion on Recruiting – Ideas to make your band bigger. Choosing appropriate Literature for MPA's . Technology Presentation – Smartmusic
- Mr. Fernando Collar discussed the timing of the High School MPA materials. When turned in later, as done previously, high school students who were not academically eligible may have been with the new quarter (2<sup>nd</sup> quarter) considered as well. Mr. Camacho brought up that there are avenues to pursue with 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students with your administration understanding that certain conditions must be set. Mr. Rivero reminded the district that as the first high school evaluation is in the beginning of February, it will be necessary to turn in these materials now for scheduling.
- Also here were representatives from Florida Memorial University, here to discuss the festival and programs being offered. Please feel free to email any and all questions to Mr. Mustafa at [Mustafaa@bellsouth.net](mailto:Mustafaa@bellsouth.net). There are two camps and festivals being offered (in February and June respectively) and information was passed out. (The summer camp will include two weeks of study. The prior with emphasis in marching and concert band and the latter in jazz.) CEU credits will be available for any directors who are present for all of the workshops.
- Glades Middle School Jazz Band will be performing on Thursday afternoon a Lobby Concert at the FMEA Convention in Tampa. Please be there to support Mr. Rivero and his students.
- Mr. Sterling Jones will be giving his first concert next week. Please look for this as well as other concerts by your colleagues. (Please feel free to email the board at the district's website, [fbadistrict16@yahoo.com](mailto:fbadistrict16@yahoo.com), with all dates and these will then be posted on the website.)
- Mr. Omar Perez, a new band director, working Ms. Llama is also present and was introduced.

## Item 18: Next Meeting Date

May 6, 2008 Glades Middle School

## Item 19: Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. At the conclusion of the meeting, discussed with those interested included information on Smart Music as well as Literature Selection and Ideas for Recruitment.

**Name of District Secretary: Jessica Gronberg**

**Signature:** *Jessica Gronberg*