



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

DISTRICT NUMBER: 16	MEETING DATE: May 5, 2008
MEETING NUMBER: 4	LOCATION: Glades MS

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

- Meeting was called to order at 6:41pm
- We thank the Glades Band Parents for donating this evening's meal for the band directors.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Director	School
John Hutchinson	Ammons MS
Susie Lalama	Barbara Goleman SHS
Omar Perez	Barbara Goleman SHS
George Ortiz	Braddock SHS
Brent Mongerer	Coral Reef SHS
Jackie McCallister	Coral Reef SHS
Elissa Vento	Cutler Ridge MS
Lee Johanson	DASH
Curtis Edwards	Doral MS
Erich Rivero	Glades MS
Ralph Napoles	Hialeah SHS
Eloys George	Hialeah-Miami Lakes SHS

Director	School
Alex Gonzalez	Highland Oaks MS
Jezabel Joa	Kenwood K-8 Center
Christine Napoles	Mays MS
John Bixby	Miami Killian SHS
Lawrence Purdue	Miami Norland SHS
Paul Smith	Miami Palmetto SHS
Leo Altamiranda	Miami SHS
Andy Luna	Miami Springs SHS
Jon Normandin	Palm Springs MS
Fernando Collar	Ronald Reagan SHS
Aramis Gonzalez	Ruben Dario MS
Sterling Jones	South Dade MS
Jennifer Jimenez	South Miami SHS
Jessica Gronberg	West Miami MS

Manny Perez, Woodwind Repairs
Emma Cohen, Intern at South Miami SHS
Chris Illa, Intern at Barbara Goleman SHS

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

- Minutes online at www.flmusiced.org/fba
- **Motion:** Jimenez/Edwards Waive reading of minutes: **PASSED**

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

- Current Budget Status: \$12,992.86
- Proposed Budget for Next Year: \$74,700.00
 - Motion to Create a FBA MPA Hurricane Fund of \$5,000.00, discussion ensued.
 - Jimenez/Edwards **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Item 5: Announcements, etc.:

- Introductions of the new Board Members
 - Jennifer Jimenez, Chairman
 - John Normandin, MS Chairman
 - John Bixby, HS Secretary
 - Jessica Gronberg, MS Secretary
 - Elissa Vento, Treasurer
 - Alex Gonzalez, Asst. Treasurer

Item 6: Music Advocacy Issues with FBA and FSMA

- Middle School-Students take PE, but you can wavier out of it with parent notification (it is justified by physical activity outside of the class) We will need to make sure that our administrators know how to use the waiver request and make sure we communicate to students and parents.
- Performing Arts credit-the bill has been reworded thanks to our efforts in the state to change it. It now only allows certain practical arts courses which is at least a partial victory as there were thousands of courses that would have been considered otherwise. Thanks to all who supported the effort to change- we have saved ourselves!

Item 7: Unfinished Business

- **DATES FOR 2008-09**
 - Marching MPA – 11/1/08
 - High School S&E and Jazz - 1/30/09 - 1/31/09
 - Middle School S&E and Jazz - 2/27/09 - 2/28/09
 - High School Concert - 3/4/09 - 3/7/09
 - Middle School Concert - 3/30/09 - 4/1/09
- All-State Auditions: TBA

Item 8: Committee Reports

- Thanks to all the committees (Scheduling, PR)

Item 9: New Business

- Call for letters to host next years events
 - Letter from Ronald Reagan SHS to host:
 - MS Concert MPA
 - HS Concert MPA
 - Coral Reef SHS
 - MS Concert MPA
 - MS Solo & Ensemble
 - South Miami
 - All-State Auditions
- Marching MPA Assessment Benefit (less Assessment cost for middle school director who help at Marching MPA.
 - Discussion ensued
 - Motion to accept the Following:
 - Middle schools whose director's assist in the marching MPA will pay a lesser Assessment per student than those schools whose director does not participate.
 - Motion to Accept: Normandin/Edwards **PASSED/1 ABSTAIN**
- We will continue the middle school performance of Star Spangled Banner at Marching MPA. This action helped increase ticket sales, which in turn brought down assessment costs.

- We need to try to help each other within the district, especially newer members. Some directors have made efforts to go out to colleague's schools this year to help out in different ways. This needs to continue and increase so that our district can continue to strive and grow.
- No Re-entry Policy at Marching MPA was discussed.
 - Reasoning: Problems with parent to student ratio of entrances to MPA Marching. District ends up losing money due to people sneaking in.
- Pre-selling Tickets for MPA Marching Event was suggested to be considered for next year's event.
- Raising the Ticket costs from \$7 to ???
 - Tabled until next meeting
- Entries for MPA events need to increase. Especially for Solo & Ensemble events. Several judges were cut from the event this year, and saved the district lots of funds. Participation continues to decline, this will later increase our assessment costs due to the shortfall of funds.

Item 10: District Adjudicators for Next School Year

- Welcomed back to the District
 - Pending Internship: Brandon Cruz, Percussion
 - Miles Family, Woodwind Judge
 - Brian Wuttke, Concert
 - Jeff Cayer, Jazz
 - Al Hager, Jazz
 - Chris Dorsey, Jazz
 - Doug Yopp, MS Jazz

Item 11: Nominations for State MPA Adjudicators

- Michelle Fernandez, Jazz State MPA
- Jose Lopez, Concert State MPA
- Don Zentz, Jazz

Item 12: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)

- Eloys George: Marching; Music & GE, Concert MPA, Jazz MPA
Rivero/Smith **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Item 13: Suggestions to State Committees

Item 14: Proposals to the Executive Board

- Motion: State Jazz MPA clinic is administered to all participants regardless of time or other potential issues.
Lalama/Smith **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Item 15: Correspondence

Item 16: For the Good of the Association

- Summer Convention: July 10-12 Altamonte Springs Hilton
- Discussion ensued in concern to MPA.
- Jolesch has sent a letter that states they want to continue taking pictures at our events.
 - **Motion:** Table Choice of Photographer Vento/Rivero
- Thanks to Shawn Barat for All-State Committee Responsibilities

- Eloys thanks Erich Rivero for his work with FBA
- Starting a Benevolence Committee for next year.
- Erich R. would like to share his condolences for Felipe Diaz
- Johansson at DASH, is in desperate need of hand me downs, horns especially
- FBA District would like to give Erich Rivero and Manuel Camacho a gift certificate for
- Normandin doing his Master's Recital at FIU, 2PM May 31st, 2008
- Erich recognized Susie Lalama for preparing a workshop at FBA Summer Convention.
- Summer Convention, great learning experience, insight on what the judges are listening for at MPAs.
- Thanks to Glades Band Parents from Erich and Association.
- May 13, Barbara Goleman Band Day in Miami Lakes
- Right to Love musical group, to help musicians in need, Not-for-Profit
- South Miami SHS Choir performed at Carnegie Hall
- Job Openings:
 - Miami SHS
 - South Dade SHS
 - Hialeah SHS
 - Henry Filer MS

Item 17: Next Meeting Date

- Wednesday, August 20, 2008, South Miami SHS

Item 18: Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:56PM Normandin/Smith

Name of District Secretary: Manuel A. Camacho II

Signature: *Manuel A. Camacho*