



**FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 72<sup>nd</sup> year**  
**DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES**  
(ver. 08-07)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 17</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: August 20, 2007</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 1</b>	<b>LOCATION: Mandarin Christian School</b>

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

Thanks to Cracker's, First Coast Music, and the Mandarin Christian School Band Parents for Dinner

**Item 2: Members and Guests Present, Mentor Assignment**

Lee Ponder	Mandarin Christian School	Joe Rayhill	Wolfson High School
Don Reynolds	West Nassau High School	Stan Barry	University Christian School
Wes Peters	Fletcher Middle School	Asa Jernigan	Mandarin Middle School
Shawn Barat	DASOTA	Jim Daniel	LASOTA
Karen Wilhelm	Ft. Caroline Middle School	Ken Williams	DCPS
Kevin Brown	Landmark Middle School	Ernie Lombardi	Yulee High School
Andy Shepard	Yulee Middle School	Adam Marcum	Hilliard M/S High School
Sean Morgan	Sandalwood High School	Madeline Huffman	Mandarin High School
Ryan Whalen	Oceanway Middle School	Pamela Brown	Ed White High School
Jeff Adams	First Coast Christian	Ben Adams	Twin Lakes Middle School
Paul Arnold	Callahan Middle School	Aaron Tryovsky	Paxon SAS
Jim Beck	Terry Parker High School	Bill Hazlett	Providence
Jonathan Maerkl	Fletcher High School	Chris Banks	LASOTA
Kent Staples	Forrest High School	Vicki Nolan	Guest
Paula Thornton	DCPS	Carol McQueen	LASOTA
Randy Hamm	Fernandina Beach Middle	Terri Booth	Bishop Kenny High School
Johnnie Robinson	Fernandina Beach High	Max Cordell	Trinity Christian
Ace Martin	DASOTA	Paul Weikle	FCCJ
John Thomas	FCCJ	Janet Thomas	SFCC
Russell Shampine	Retired		

**Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes**

No Changes

**Item 4: Treasurer's Report**

End of Past Year's Statement: \$2,621.26

Proposed Current Year Budget: Expect a small rise in per unit Concert MPA Assessment

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

November 5<sup>th</sup> at DASOTA. Eat at 6. Meet at 7.

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

We need to find a political representative for our district as well as a parent from each school. Please be thinking about this and bring an e-mail address of your chosen parent to the next FBA meeting. Dr. Williams is helping with advocacy at the state level. They are in session during March/April. Duane urges us to contact our legislators now so that we have their support later when they are busy.

## Item 7: Announcements

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

## Item 8: Communications/Distribution of Packets

- Agenda
- MPA Online Users Guide
- All-State Audition Procedures
- All-State Auditions – Practical Tips for Student Preparation by Paula Thornton
- First Coast Community Music School Info Packet.

## Item 9: Unfinished Business

NONE

## Item 10: Committee Reports

All-District Band is scheduled for weekend of January 24-27. Exact times will be announced at next meeting. Auditions will be on the night of January 17<sup>th</sup>. More info to come at November Meeting!

## Item 11: New Business

Asa Jernigan did a presentation about the new festival entry method. It is all ONLINE. Your festival disk is now obsolete. If you need help you can call Asa at 292-0555 ext 134

**FBA/FMEA Membership Dues** & Enrollment Forms Due September 1 – *earlier if you want uninterrupted FMEA and MENC magazine delivery.* **Students will not be allowed to audition for All-State if band director is not a member of FBA by September 1<sup>st</sup>.** Send to FMEA or pay online at [www.flmusiced.org](http://www.flmusiced.org). Check payable to: **FMEA send to: 402 Office Plaza DR., Tallahassee, 32309**

**FSMA school dues** payment (to FSMA by September 15) **Your school must be a member of FSMA for you to participate in any FMEA/FBA activities.**

**Classification Forms due October 1** to the District Chairman. Form is on the FBA website: [www.flmusiced.org/fba](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba) Principal and Director Signature Required. Report the enrollment of your ENTIRE SCHOOL, not just your band program. If you would like to request a different classification than you numbers say you should **you can request a lower classification.** You must have a letter signed by the principal stating why and turn it in with your classification form. If you request a lower classification you must play the required grade of music for that classification.

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)

Middle 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**

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

Site: Mandarin Middle School

Date: September 15<sup>th</sup>

Deadline: September 1<sup>st</sup>

Fees: \$20 per student (School checks preferred)

Band director must be a member of FMEA/FBA by September 1 in order to have students audition for all-state. If you help with auditions stick to the script. Do not even say so much as “good job”, because that may make the student think they made it. Act professionally. Lee Ponder and Jim Daniel did a mock audition. Please check the website for requirements and screen your students to make sure they are prepared. Paula handed out info packet about how to help students prepare for All-State Auditions.

**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 (including student contracts) and \$15 fee should be sent to the respective chairman whose name and address are on the form.

### **Marching Band MPA:**

Date: November 3rd

Site: Terry Parker HS

Entry Form Due Date (to district chairman): October 1<sup>st</sup>

**FINE: \$50.00 for submitting this form late (Payable to FBA)**

**\$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline**

No assessment money collected at this time. Assistance needed from Middle School/Junior High directors. **SCHOOLS MUST HAVE CURRENT CLASSIFICATION FORM ON FILE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MARCHING MPA.**

- Nominations for the Oliver Hobbs Award (see latest "Florida Bandmaster"):
- Nominations for the Tom Bishop Award (see latest "Florida Bandmaster"):

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

Solo and Ensemble MPA: Feb 7<sup>th</sup>(Jazz) 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>(Solos/Ensembles) at Fletcher High School

Concert (High School): March 7-8 at Terry Parker High School

Concert (JH/MS): March 14-15 at Mandarin Middle School

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

**Marching:** Music-Rick Miles, Music-Jane Lucas, M&M-David Plack, GE-Alex Kaminski,

Aux-Penny Janowski, Perc.-Mike Woodfin

**H.S. Concert:** Travis Henry, Amy Bradley, Jane Lucas; Commentator-Mark Nelson, SR-Bruce Brazinski

**M.S. Concert:** Mike Waller, Eric Miles, Kathy Thompson; Commentator-Amy Bradley, SR-George Walters

**Jazz:** Erich Rivero, Al Hager, George Walters

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

NONE

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

Music Committee (before Oct 1st for Concert titles, Dec 1st for S/E): NONE

Clinics Committee: (before Oct 1): NONE

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

NONE

### **Item 17: Correspondence**

Letter from Paradise Studios to be our photographer for Marching and Concert MPA

MOTION to accept proposal: (Cordell/Arnold) **PASSED**

### **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.
- Dr. Williams encouraged us all to reach out and get clinicians in our band rooms now. We must also seek out the best models.
- Remember that each director is responsible for knowing the rules, policies, and guidelines published in the FBA handbook.
- There is a FBA Hall of Fame Induction Concert at Stetson on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Jim Daniels spoke more about the opportunities at First Coast Community Music School.
- Fernandina Beach HS is hosting a Marching Band Competition on October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Friday Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> is Nat'l Anthem Day.
- YouTube is a tool that can be used to get high quality videos of musicians.

### **Item 19: Adjournment**

MOTION to Adjourn (Morgan/Beck) **PASSED**

### **Name of District Secretary:**

Jonathan Maerkl

### **Signature:**

*Jonathan Maerkl*