



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

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 19</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: August 18, 2007</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 1</b>	<b>LOCATION: Eustis Middle School</b>

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

♪ Chairman Gerald Ricke called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. He explained that he had print outs of numerous items but Lake County Copy Center went on vacation the week before school started and so we will go paperless for today's meeting. He told everyone that he would send out relative items via e-mail.

♪ Thanks to EMS Band Boosters for the coffee and donuts.

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

NAME	SCHOOL	NAME	SCHOOL
Gerald Ricke, Chair	Eustis MS	Lynn Stocker	C.E. Gray MS
Allen J. Venezio, Sec.	Tavares HS	Ryan F. Wright	East Ridge HS
Jason Dobson	Dunnellon HS	Philip Porter	Mt. Dora HS
Tina Laferriere	Tavares MS	Matt Bruzzi	Carver MS
Mark Bailey	Umatilla HS	Kim Leiser	Mt. Dora MS
Russell Brun	Dunnellon MS	Pat McLaughlin	McLaughlin's Red Barn
J. Craig Lilly	North Marion HS	Suzy McLaughlin	McLaughlin's Red Barn
Nick Reardon	Bellevue HS	L.C. Coney	Retired
Elizabeth Short	Vanguard HS	Jack Post	Wildwood MS
J. Doug Yopp	Mt. Dora Bible School	George Smith	Wildwood HS
Ray Donato	Eustis HS	David Fritz	Ft. King MS
Brandon Tolmach	Clermont MS	Francisco J. Garcia	South Lake HS
R. Scott Vance	West Port HS	Cliff Revell	Windy Hill MS
Cassidy Gleaton	Trinity Catholic HS	Gabriel D. Fielder	Leesburg HS
Glenn Maerkl	Howard MS	Marla Langford	Oak Park MS
Rose Maerkl	Guest	Jeremy Langford	Guest
Troy Shimkus	Associate Member	Chuck Newton	Guest – Newtoc Media

Mr. Ricke had all directors introduce themselves and made note to welcome new members to our district. He also assigned mentors

### Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

As posted on the F.B.A. web site.

### Item 4: Treasurer's Report

End of Past Year's Statement: \$578.92 (check from FSMA will arrive shortly)  
Proposed Current Year Budget: \$37,850

### Item 5: Next Meeting Date and Place

Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM – Christian Home & Bible School in conjunction with Lake County All-County Band. Doug Yopp will be the host.

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

See FSMA web site. They have tried to make the process easier.

♪Learn the process now and create your own (parent/community) network of music advocates before you need it.

♪Required PE for middle school is coming and needs to be defeated as well as several other equally damaging bills.

♪At the very least write out an “advocacy speech” and make it after every performance.

♪Print something in your concert program.

Gabe Fielder talked about the performance pay issue and he urged everyone to get involved with their respective counties on the selection process for next year.

## Item 7: Announcements

FMEA Awards Nomination forms are in the Florida Music Director Magazine. Pg 19-25.

## Item 8: Communications/Distribution of Packets

Election of new District Secretary:

**MOTION:** Allen J. Venezio for District Secretary (Laferriere/Vance)

MOTION CARRIES. (Yippe, I get to be secretary again ... thanks everyone! ☺)

Mr. Ricke asked all the directors to update their information on the Director Information Form being passed around.

MPA Online-Start entering students NOW! Your county/school must have paid FSMA dues to begin.

## Item 9: Unfinished Business

Virtually EVERYTHING you will need is online.

Mr. Tolmach had all directors look over the maps to their schools for the book he is preparing for the District. If you have not given him a map to your school, please contact him at [tolmachb@lake.k12.fl.us](mailto:tolmachb@lake.k12.fl.us)

## Item 10: Committee Reports

Recording Contract – Troy Shimkus

Contract by Newtoc Media Productions, Inc. (Chuck Newton, owner)

All-State Recording fees: \$10 (+\$10 charged by FBA)

ACB / ADB: \$8.00 per CD (+\$3 S/H if Newtoc handles mailing CDs)

District MPAs: \$25 per band.

**MOTION:** To accept recording contract (Tolmach/Yopp)

MOTION CARRIES.

All-District Band – Allen Venezio

MS Clinician – George Farmer

HS Clinician backed out. We are now searching for a replacement.

Jazz Clinician – Still looking for one.

A suggestion was made to use Sight-Reading as an element of ADB auditions. A discussion about pros and cons of this were discussed.

**MOTION:** To leave the current ADB audition procedure in place. (Vance/Smith)

MOTION CARRIES.

## 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. This should be done on the **20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL!!!**

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: South Sumter High School

Date: Sept 15<sup>th</sup> – Tentatively 8:00am - 1:00pm

Deadline: In Hand! – Sept 1. (Aug. 31) No school mail on Saturday-Monday is toooooo late!

Fees: TBA

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.

Directors with students auditioning will be required to assist in the audition process. All other volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Small School Honors Band and 7-8 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<sup>rd</sup>, 2007

Site: Leesburg High School

Entry Form Due Date (to district chairman): October 5<sup>th</sup>.

No assessment money collected at this time.

Assistance required from Middle School Directors

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

**MOTION:** Tina Laferriere for the Oliver Hobbs Award (Yopp/Tolmach)

MOTION CARRIED.

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

**MOTION:** Kimberly Leiser for the Tom Bishop Award (Laferriere/Yopp)

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Solo and Ensemble MPA (MS/JH): February 22-23, Tavares HS

Solo and Ensemble MPA (High School): February 22-23, Tavares HS

Jazz MPA: February 21, LSCC (Tavares HS will host)

Concert (JH/MS): April 18-19 - West Port High School

Concert (High School): March 15<sup>th</sup> – East Ridge HS

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

Mr. Ricke will e-mail this to all of the membership.

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

**MOTION:** Wesley Locke for Solo & Ensemble Brass (Venezio/Laferriere)

MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

Find and add more Woodwind Choir literature to the S&E Music List at ALL grade levels, including grade 5 that qualifies for state.

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

None.

## **Item 17: Correspondence**

None.

## **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. See FBA Handbook on web site.

Remember that each director is responsible for knowing the rules, policies, and guidelines published in the FBA handbook. Read the "Professional Responsibilities checklist" on the Handbook web page.

Mr. Coney reminded everyone that if you make a mistake concerning MPAs, you should accept responsibility for those mistakes.

Mr. Coney also reminded all directors not to be pressured into allowing students to audition if they haven't practiced the audition.

Mrs. Laferriere told everyone about Mike Graham's private collection of Sousa Band memorabilia and recordings in Altoona. He has over 80,000 selections.

Mr. Vance invited all HS marching bands with under 70 winds to participate in the Ocala Marching Band Festival at WPHS on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact him for more details.

Mrs. Lieser informed us of a great summer opportunity to attend a camp with the American Horn Quartet in Daytona Beach next summer.

Mr. Ricke told everyone he is proud to be the District 19 Chairman and asked us to "stack our chairs" as we left the room.

## **Item 19: Adjournment**

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting (Tolmach/Wright)

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 12:29 PM.

## **Name of District Secretary:**

Allen J. Venezia

District 19 Secretary/Treasurer

## **Signature:**

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray background. The signature reads "Allen J. Venezia" in a cursive script, followed by a small, illegible mark.