



FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 72nd year DISTRICT MEETING #3 MINUTES (ver. 08-07)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 19	MEETING DATE: January 26, 2008
MEETING NUMBER: 3	LOCATION: South Lake High School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

District Chairman Gerald Ricke called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. He told the district how proud he was to be representing them on the Executive Board. He reminded the district that directors are responsible for their students at all district events. The FBA Insurance Policy only covers site hosts, schools and FBA District Officers. Please always carry emergency forms for all of your students at all events.

He asked that directors patronize the concession stands provided at all District events. The site host schools work hard to host these events and they need our support. If you are interested in hosting an event for the 2008-09 school year, letters are due at the next meeting.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Miss Brooke Miller was introduced as the new director at Oak Park Middle School.

Gerald Ricke, chair	Eustis Middle	Doug Yopp	Mt. Dora Bible
Allen J. Venezio, sec.	Tavares High	John Leschak	Lake Weir High
Cory Lowery	South Sumter Middle	George Smith	Wildwood High
Josh Bishop	South Sumter High	Ray Donato	Eustis High
Ryan Wright	East Ridge High	Tina Laferriere	Tavares Middle
Matt Bruzzi	Carver Middle	Lynn Stocker	Cecil Gray Middle
Francisco Garcia	South Lake High	Cliff Revell	Windy Hill Middle
Scott Vance	West Port High	Michael Martin	Lake Weir Middle
Nick Reardon	Bellevue High	Jody Alexander	Ocala-Forest High
Elizabeth Short	Vanguard High	Russell Brun	Dunnellon Middle
John B. Post	Wildwood Middle	Glenn Maerkl	Howard Middle
Jason Dobson	Dunnellon High	Cassidy Gleaton	Trinity Catholic High
Don Cromer	Ft. McCoy School	Brooke Miller	Oak Park Middle
Jack Hart	East Ridge High	Kimberly Leiser	Mt. Dora Middle
Jami Nichols	West Port Middle	Michael Maynard	West Port High
Kevin Blackstock	Villages Middle	Gabe Fielder	Leesburg High

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Minutes stand as posted on the web site.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Mr. Venezio reported a balance of \$9,405.08. All FBA forms and checks are due today.

Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues

Mr. Fielder talked about e-mailing Tallahassee and he told the district he would write some sample e-mails for directors to use.

Item 6: Communications

Much discussion ensued about the proposal from the FMBC to become a part of the FSMA.

Item 7: Unfinished Business

Premier Photography – many complaints about unfilled orders. Mr. Fielder has exhausted all avenues to resolve. Mr. Venezio said he would work on it. ** In the time since this meeting, Premier has made good on all of its orders. **

Item 8: Committee Reports

All-District Band – Mr. Venezio reported that all was well and thanked Mr. Garcia and Mrs. Laferriere for all of their help with the ADB. He asked directors to make sure all copies of music made for educational purposes is destroyed. Mrs. Laferriere asked that the district reimburse SLHS \$250 for copies.

Item 9: New Business

Entry forms and assessment checks collected. Mr. Ricke extended the deadline for paperwork until February 2nd. He reminded all members that they must include \$25 PER ENSEMBLE recording fee.

Solo & Ensemble Information: February 21 – 23, 2008. Jazz – LSCC; S&E – Tavares HS
Do NOT print out S&E schedules until Mr. Ricke tells you it's the "final schedule".

Title changes can be done using the form that Mr. Shimkus will e-mail out.

- Concert bands: 10 days prior to MPA
- S&E – 10 days prior to MPA
- Jazz band – can be done as late as on-site.

Mr. Ricke hopes to have schedules in director's hands within 2 weeks.

Mr. Hart would like HS concert band titles by S&E for the HS MPA program.

Mr. Vance will get titles for MS MPA via e-mail.

Mr. Ricke noted that directors should bring their jazz bands and have students hear other bands.

Concert MPA Information: HS: March 15th – ERHS; MS: April 18-19 - WPHS

Item 10: State MPA Dates and Sites

State S&E MPA – April 7 – 9, 2008 at West Port HS.

State Concert MPA – April 17 – 18 at Bartram Trail HS

Item 11: Election of Officers (if applicable)

DISTRICT CHAIR: Scott Vance (Yopp / Laferriere) ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

DISTRICT SECRETARY: Cassidy Gleaton (Vance / Laferriere) ELECTED ACCLAMATION

Item 12: District MPA Dates for Next Year

Marching MPA: November 1, 2008 / rain date – November 8, 2008

All-District Band: January 29 – 31, 2009

Jazz / S&E MPA: February 19 – 21, 2009

HS Concert MPA: March 14, 2009 / alt. – March 21, 2009

MS Concert MPA: April 17 – 18, 2009

Item 13: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)

Cory Lowery for S&E Brass (Laferriere / Wright) Passed by vote of 21 / 9.

Item 14: Nominations for All-State Clinicians

George Farmer, Jeanie Berry

Item 15: Suggestions to State Committees

None

Item 16: Proposals to the Executive Board

MOTION (Lieser / Alexander): This motion is to direct the FBA Executive Board (or the appropriate committee) to begin the process of restructuring Marching MPA and to *consider* including the following: additional captions; current captions be considered as part of the final rating (i.e. Percussion and Auxiliary), restructured captions to include sub-captions highlighting the individual vs. ensemble contributions; continue with Standards-Based rating system with the inclusion of *unpublished* numerical values; and the addition of an *optional* State Marching MPA.

Rationale: The FBA is the original band association in Florida. Through our oversight in not perceiving a need, we are now not the *only* band organization in Florida. The FMBC is continuing its development to meet a perceived need in the state. This motion *ONLY* directs the board to begin restructuring *our* event. We should be the “innovators” as well as the “originators.” Philosophies must change with the times. When you vote, consider that the *considerations* above are not requirements, only that we must begin the process of restructuring our Marching MPA, which is very much past due. If we offered the type of comprehensive evaluations available at FMBC events, the FMBC would not now be in contention for FSMA recognition and would not also be rumored to be considering even adding an S&E component and a concert band component. While not in support of introducing a competitive component to our standards based evaluation system, this motion would give a more comprehensive evaluation of the abilities of students participating in our MPA process.

Item 16: Other

Congratulations to Tina Laferriere for receiving the Oliver Hobbs Award.

Item 17: For the Good of the Association

Miss Alexander made the comment to HS directors not to let Marching Band take over your program and allow the rest of your program to suffer.

Mrs. Laferriere thanked the district for financial contributions made to help Mr. Ivan Wansley. She passed around a collection plate in which \$192 was collected. She said that Mr. Wansley enjoys receiving phone calls and his number is 813-230-1379. He is also critiquing bands from his hospital bed. Send a CD and scores - \$85 per band.

Mrs. Laferriere also mentioned that Mr. George Farmer is available for clinics with bands for \$75 per hour. Miss Alexander said that Mr. John Carmichael, Director of Bands at USF, is also a great clinician.

Mr. Yopp thanked Mr. Ricke and Mr. Venezia for the jobs they do for the district.

Item 18: Next Meeting Date

Saturday, May 3, 2008 at Eustis Middle School. 10 AM with possible lunch afterward.

Item 19: Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn (Donato / Yopp) Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Name of District Secretary:

Allen J. Venezia
District 19 Secretary / Treasurer

Signature: