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FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 72nd year DISTRICT MEETING #4 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-02)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 19	MEETING DATE: May 3, 2008
MEETING NUMBER: 4	MEETING LOCATION: Eustis Middle School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

The Meeting of District 19 of the Florida Bandmaster Association was called to order at 10:05 AM by Chairman Gerald Ricke at Eustis Middle School in Eustis, Florida.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Allen J. Venezio	Tavares HS	Gerald Ricke	Eustis MS
Nick Reardon	Belleview HS	Cassidy Gleaton	Trinity Catholic HS
Philip Porter	Mount Dora HS	Doug Yopp	Mount Dora Bible
Elizabeth Short	Vanguard HS	Tina Laferriere	Tavares MS
George Smith	Wildwood HS	Jack Post	Wildwood MS
Gabriel D. Fielder	Leesburg HS	Michael Martin	Lake Weir MS
Jack Hart	East Ridge HS	Ryan Wright	East Ridge HS
Jason Dobson	Dunnellon HS	Russell Brun	Dunnellon MS
Kevin Blackstock	The Villages MS	R. Scott Vance	West Port HS
J. Craig Lilly	North Marion HS	Francisco Garcia	South Lake HS
Kimberly Lieser	Mount Dora MS	Brooke Miller	Oak Park MS

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

There were no changes to the minutes. They stand as submitted.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Mr. Venezio reports the current balance is \$11,935.08. Mr. Ricke is working on the budget for next year.

Item 5: Announcements

Mr. Garcia announced that he will be the new Director of Bands at East Ridge Middle School, a new middle school opening in Clermont.

Item 6: Music Advocacy Issues with FBA and FSMA

Choral programs cut from curriculum at Tavares MS and Clermont MS.

Astatula Elementary School for the Arts cut two arts teachers and is dropping the "school of the arts" designation from its name.

Choral program is being added at Wildwood MS but the band director positions at Wildwood HS and Wildwood MS are being combined to do so.

Mr. Ricke made the statement that directors need to be actively recruiting students in any way they can to justify the existence of their programs.

Item 7: Unfinished Business

Mr. Ricke requested any Adjudicator Evaluation forms for Solo and Ensemble and concert MPA's be completed.

Due to school calendar issues, the district voted to move the Middle School Concert MPA to April 24 – 25, 2009 with May 1 – 2, 2009 as the back-up date.

Item 8: Committee Reports

None.

Item 9: New Business

Sites for 2008-2009 FBA District 19 Events

Mr. Reardon submitted a letter for Belleview High School to host the 2009 All-District Band Auditions.

Mr. Vance submitted a letter for West Port to host the 2009 Middle School Concert MPA.

Mr. Hart submitted a letter for East Ridge High School to host the 2009 High School Concert MPA.

Mr. Fielder submitted a letter for Leesburg High School to host 2008 Marching MPA.

Mr. Venezio submitted a letter for Tavares High School host the 2009 Jazz MPA at Lake-Sumter Community College and 2009 Solo & Ensemble MPA at Tavares HS.

MOTION: (Yopp / Dobson) To accept the letters from LHS, THS, ERHS and WPHS for hosting MPA events for 2008-2009. **Motion Passes.**

MOTION: (Vance/Gleaton) To hold All-State Auditions on September 13, 2008 at Mount Dora Middle School with Tavares Middle School as the back-up site. **Motion Passes.**

MOTION: (Fielder/Gleaton) To hold All-District Auditions on December 9, 2008 at Belleview High School. **Motion Passes.**

MOTION: (Venezio/Fielder) To table the site for All-District Band. **Motion Passes.**

Item 10: District Adjudicators for Next School Year

Mr. Ricke will e-mail Mr. Vance, Chairman-elect, with names of adjudicators.

Item 11: Nominations for State MPA Adjudicators

District 19 has none at this time.

Item 12: Nominations for Adjudicators List

District 19 submits the following nominations to the Adjudicators List.

Gerald Ricke S/E Woodwinds, Jazz, Concert, Sightreading

MOTION: (Venezio/Laferriere) To nominate Gerald Ricke for Adjudicators List. **Motion Passes.**

Item 13: Suggestions to State Committees

District 19 has none at this time.

Item 14: Proposals to the Executive Board

District 19 has none at this time.

Item 15: Correspondence

Mr. Ricke read a letter from Mr. Bruce Brazinski with compliments about Middle School MPA.

Mr. Venezio shared an e-mail received with compliments from Dr. Shelby Chipman about the Solo & Ensemble MPA.

Item 15: For the Good of the Association

All directors shared their spring concert dates.

Mr. Ricke encouraged all directors to attend the FBA Summer Convention.

West Port HS will host the Ocala Marching Band Festival for smaller bands on October 18, 2008.

See Mr. Vance for more details.

Leesburg HS will host the Central Florida Marching Arts Invitational on September 27, 2008. It is finals only format. See Mr. Fielder for more details.

Tavares HS will host a Music 'N Motion Color Guard Camp on June 6 – 8, 2008. See Mr. Venezio for more details or visit <http://www.musicnmotion.org> to register.

Job Openings:

South Lake High School

Wildwood Middle / Wildwood High (combined)

South Sumter High School

Eustis High School

Teacher of the Year:

Doug Yopp, Mount Dora Christian Home & Bible School

Retirements:

Jack Post, Wildwood Middle School (Mr. Post gave a remarkable speech about passion for music and received a standing ovation from the district)

Officer Swan-Songs:

Gerald Ricke, two years as district chairman

Allen J. Venezio, eight years as a district officer (including two as district chair, three as secretary, six as treasurer and six as coordinator of the All-District Band)

Good of the Association:

Mrs. Laferriere made the reminder not to forget about Ivan Wansley.

FBA is commissioning a work in honor of Charlie Quarmby. \$4,500 is needed total. The piece is titled "One Thousand Cranes".

Mr. Fielder thanked the District Officers for all their hard work these past two years.

Mrs. Gleaton is expecting a baby boy. Congratulations!

Mr. Ricke is a new grandfather. Congratulations!

Mrs. Gleaton mentioned the Ocala Summer Music Camp. See her for more details.

Mr. Post remarked that the Sumter County Music Festival was a great success.

Item 16: Next Meeting Date

The next district meeting is TBA but will be at West Port HS in Ocala.

Item 17: Adjournment

Mr. Yopp motioned for adjournment. Mr. Fielder seconded.

Mr. Ricke adjourned the meeting at 11:28 AM.

Name of District Secretary:

Allen J. Venezio

Signature: